



## **Ms. Rochelle Ford**

### **Universities Space Research Association Vice President Corporate Affairs and Governance**

As Vice President of Corporate Affairs and Governance, Rochelle Ford has executive responsibility for public policy advocacy, external communications, and management of corporate governance, including providing support to the Board of Trustees and the USRA Council of Institutions, which includes representatives from each of USRA's 114 member universities. She will also serve as USRA's Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer (CECO) and Chair of USRA's Executive Compliance Committee (ECC).

Ms. Ford brings extensive experience to USRA spanning service in all the three branches of government, the private sector, and the District of Columbia.

Prior to joining USRA, she served as the Director of Government Ethics at the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability in Washington, D.C. She is a Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional.

In previous positions, she served as an Attorney-Advisor with the Department of Justice's Departmental Ethics Office, where she advised senior agency officials

on compliance with federal ethics laws and regulations, among other duties.

Before she joined the DOJ, she served as non-partisan Counsel to the United States Senate Select Committee on Ethics, where she investigated allegations of ethical misconduct, advised Senate Members and staff on compliance with federal ethics and political laws and regulations, and regularly provided ethics training to the Senate community.

She practiced at a Washington D.C. law firm, WilmerHale, for several years, where she represented clients in complex litigation matters and conducted investigations in response to regulatory inquiries. In addition, Ms. Ford teaches law students and undergraduates ethics and accountability at the University of Pennsylvania Law school and at the University of Maryland School of Public Policy.

Ms. Ford holds an A.B. from Duke University, a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and is a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

