Mary Anne Gibbons was appointed General Counsel and Vice President for the U.S. Postal Service in January 2000. As the Postal Service’s chief corporate lawyer, Gibbons serves as counsel to the Postal Service’s Board of Governors and postal management. She is charged with helping the Postal Service keep pace with international and national business issues opportunities in all aspects of its business, including its transformation plans, rate-setting and other major business initiatives. Gibbons manages a complex legal department with branch offices in eleven major metropolitan areas nationwide.

Areas of responsibility and control range from government regulatory practice of federal ethics, torts, freedom of information, and employment law to postage rate cases of $60 billion, labor negotiations of $40 billion, and extensive work in legislative and international law. In addition, the General Counsel’s office addresses legal issues involving intellectual property, consumer protection, revenue protection, the environment, contracts, facilities and purchasing, labor relations, as well as administrative and federal court litigation.

At the time of her appointment as General Counsel, Gibbons was serving as Deputy General Counsel, a position she held for 11 months. Prior to that, she served as Managing Counsel, Civil Practice, at Postal Service Headquarters; Managing Counsel of the Postal Service’s Mid-Atlantic field office; and a labor law attorney for the General Counsel.

Gibbons has been an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center, teaching U.S. Legal Discourse to foreign lawyers, and has also been on the adjunct faculty of American University’s law school. Prior to joining the Postal Service, she served as an attorney and Assistant General Counsel at the United Mine Workers of America Health and Retirement Funds.

Gibbons is a 1980 graduate of the Catholic University of America’s Columbus School of Law. She earned her Master of Science degree in education at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Mundelein College, Chicago, Ill.

She serves as a member of Board of Visitors for Catholic University’s law school, and the Board of Directors of Episcopal Senior Ministry—an organization which provides housing for low income senior citizens.

A long-time resident of Washington, D.C., Gibbons is married and has two children.

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