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President Donald Trump plans to nominate David Jonas to be the Energy Department's general counsel, the White House announced today.

Jonas, a partner at the Virginia law firm Fluet, Huber and Hoang since 2016, was also a DOE landing team member and is an expert on nuclear nonproliferation.

He previously served as the general counsel for the National Nuclear Security Administration, DOE's nuclear security arm, from 2001 to 2010, according to his LinkedIn page. From 2012 to 2014, Jonas was general counsel for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, an independent agency that advises DOE on nuclear defense facilities.

Jonas's resume also includes a year as DOE's director of legal strategy and analysis and a year as a vice president at the Pentagon Federal Credit Union. He holds advanced law degrees in military law and international law.

Jonas's wife, Tina Jonas, served as chief financial officer for the FBI under Robert Mueller and later as CFO and under secretary of Defense from 2004 to 2008.

**WHAT'S NEXT:** The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee likely will schedule a hearing on his nomination for sometime after Congress returns from its Memorial Day recess in early June.

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