

Betsy Bogart, Business Programs Division Chief, California Secretary of State

Betsy Bogart is the Chief of the Business Programs Division for the California Secretary of State. Ms. Bogart joined the Secretary of State's office in September 2000 as a Staff Counsel, having worked in private practice for nine years prior as a business transactional partner in a Stockton law firm where she assisted businesses with business registrations, mergers and conversions filed with the Secretary of State's office and saw firsthand the impacts the Secretary of State's office has on businesses.

Within five months of joining the Secretary of State's office, Ms. Bogart was promoted to Supervising Staff Counsel III, supervising 10 attorneys and 3 support staff. In 2007, Ms. Bogart became Chief of the Business Programs Division, responsible for directing and coordinating all operational aspects of the division, including policy, strategic planning, legislation and regulations, managing a \$48 million budget, and overseeing a division of over 300 staff, including legal and investigatory staff.

In addition to overseeing the day to day operations of the Business Programs Division, Ms. Bogart is project Co-Sponsor of the major IT initiative California Business Connect. Ms. Bogart led the efforts to eliminate the filing backlogs and continues to lead the efforts to maintain the five business day processing times in the Business Programs Division established in October 2013.