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**Biography**

Nancy E. Weiss serves as General Counsel of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. In this capacity, she advises the Director, the National Museum and Library Services Board, and agency officials on the legal aspects of cultural activity, public-private partnerships, grant-making, and the full range of legal issues involved in managing a federal agency. Nancy has represented the United States Government on delegations to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the Organization of American States (OAS), and international conferences relating to Holocaust-Era Assets.

Prior to joining IMLS, Nancy served as Deputy General Counsel of the National Endowment for the Humanities, where she also provided counsel to the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program and represented the agency on the National Archives Trust Fund Board. Nancy earlier practiced litigation and media law at Williams and Connelly in Washington D.C., held a legal research fellowship in New Delhi, India, and completed a federal judicial clerkship with the Hon. William W Schwarzer (N.D. California and Director of the Federal Judicial Center).

Nancy graduated with honors from the University of Michigan Law School, and phi beta kappa with a degree in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to attending law school, Nancy directed a student retention program at the University of Pennsylvania and managed Philadelphia's Shubert Theatre.