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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Mississippi College School of Law (Jackson, Mississippi)

- Positions:
Associate Professor of Law, 2024 – present
Assistant Professor of Law, 2021 – 2024
- Courses taught:
Evidence, Constitutional Law, First Amendment, International Law,
International Criminal Law, Trial Practice, Comparative Civil Rights Law,
Military Justice

EDUCATION

The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, LL.M, 2010

University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 2006

- Virginia Law and Business Review

James Madison University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1998

- Philosophy & Religion major
- Honors Program; Phi Kappa Phi award for best undergraduate honors thesis

EXPERIENCE

Mississippi National Guard, Jackson, MS (2022 – present)

Court of Appeals Judge

- Appointed by Governor Tate Reeves to serve on a three-judge panel at the highest level of the Mississippi military justice system

Cave & Freeburg, LLP, Washington, D.C. (2021 – present)

Of Counsel

Butler Snow LLP, Ridgeland, MS (2020 – 2021)

Senior Counsel

- First-chaired litigation in federal and state courts

Current as of June 30, 2025

- Commercial litigation, patent, white collar defense, military law

The Honorable Barbara Jacobs Rothstein, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (2018 – 2020)

Judicial Law Clerk

U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps (2006 – 2018)

Lieutenant Colonel

- Lead military defense attorney for Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl in the most publicized court-martial in American history
- Extensive experience in criminal law and international humanitarian law gained in a series of worldwide assignments with four of the Army's combat divisions and two special operations task forces
- Served in several leadership roles and was competitively selected for attendance at the Army's Command and Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas (2012 – 2013)
- Awards include the Expert Infantryman Badge, Combat Action Badge, Legion of Merit, and two awards of the Bronze Star Medal

BOOKS

MILITARY JUSTICE: CASES AND MATERIALS, (4th ed.) (Carolina Academic Press, 2023), with Eugene R. Fidell, Brenner M. Fissell, Dwight H. Sullivan

MILITARY COURT RULES OF THE UNITED STATES: PROCEDURE, CITATION, PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, CIVILITY, AND JUDICIAL CONDUCT, (10th ed.) (LexisNexis, 2024), with Eugene R. Fidell, Benjamin K. Grimes, Jonathan F. Potter, Brittany Warren

MARCH TO JUSTICE: GLOBAL MILITARY LAW LANDMARKS (BluOne Ink, 2021), with Navdeep Singh

ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, AND SELECT BLOGS

Book chapter, *Different Spanks for Different Ranks: Character Evidence in Courts-Martial*, in CRITICAL EVIDENCE (Bennett Capers, Jasmine Harris, Julia Simon-Kerr, eds.) (forthcoming 2025)

Book chapter, *Institutional and Procedural Aspects of Military Justice*, in LITIGATING INTERNATIONAL CRIMES AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN U.S. COURTS (Mark Klamberg, Douglas Irvin-Erickson, Milena Sterio, eds.) (forthcoming 2026)

Military Justice Through a Transitional Justice Lens, BELMONT L. REV. (expected 2026)

Book chapter, *Artificial Intelligence in International Humanitarian Law: Distinction and Accountability* (with I. Rushing), in [ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND CONSTITUTIONALISM: THE CHALLENGES IN LAW](#) (Shruti Bedi, ed.) (2025)

[The Relationship Between International Criminal Tribunals and National Militaries](#), 54 CAL. WESTERN INT'L LAW J. 67 (2024)

[Nonjudicial Punishment](#), 68 VILLANOVA LAW REVIEW 807 (2024)

A Comparative Law Analysis of the Military Justice Systems of Poland and the United States (with S. Kulmaczewski) (pending)

Book chapter, *The Foundation of Modern International Criminal Law: The International Military Tribunals at Nuremberg*, HOLOCAUST AND THE LAW (John Geiringer, Cathy Mansfield, eds.) (forthcoming)

Investigations: International Courts and Tribunals, MAX PLANCK ENCYCLOPEDIA OF INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURAL LAW (forthcoming)

[Prosecuting Wagner Group War Crimes at the International Criminal Court? A Procedural Perspective](#), OPINIOJURIS (Feb. 16, 2024) (with Phil Cave and Giovanni Chiarini)

[The International Criminal Court and International Court of Justice: Similarities and Differences](#), Miss. College Law Rev. blog (Jan. 26, 2024)

[An Unexpected Consequence of Pardon Powers](#), Miss. College Law Rev. blog (Sept. 15, 2023)

[Action Pénale et Action Disciplinaire: the Origins and Current Activities of the Criminal and Disciplinary Law Committee of the International Society of Military Law and the Law of War](#), MILITARY LAW AND THE LAW OF WAR REVIEW, Vol. 60 No. 2 (2022)

[Preliminary Hearings in the United States Military](#), JOURNAL OF NATIONAL SECURITY LAW AND POLICY (2022) (symposium) (peer-reviewed)

[Gender and Incivility in a Law School Moot Court Competition](#) (with Irene Massimino), SSRN (2022)

MILITARY JUSTICE REFORM SOURCEBOOK FOR LEGISLATORS AND JOURNALISTS, National Institute of Military Justice (2021) (co-editor)

Shadow Advisory Group of Experts (SARGE) report on § 540F of the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (2020) (co-author) (submitted to Congress)

Preliminary Examination in the United States Military: Quality Control and Reform, in *QUALITY CONTROL IN PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION: REVIEWING IMPACT, POLICIES, AND PRACTICES*, (Morten Bergsmo et al., eds., 2018)

Awakening Self-Interest: American Military Justice in Afghanistan and Iraq, in *MILITARY SELF-INTEREST IN ACCOUNTABILITY FOR CORE INTERNATIONAL CRIMES*, (Morten Bergsmo et al., eds., 2015)

Fifteen Good Legal Practices to Address Terrorism: Ways to Bolster National Criminal Justice Systems, *FORUM* (Nov. 2015)

Lawful Command Emphasis: Talk Offense, Not Offender; Talk Process, Not Results, (with J. Garrett, M. Maxwell, M. Calarco), *THE ARMY LAWYER* (Aug. 2014)

Non-Deployable: the Court-Martial System in Combat from 2001 to 2009, 44 *CREIGHTON LAW REVIEW* 1045 (2011)

- Honorable Mention, 2012 Kevin J. Barry legal writing award
- “#1 Military Justice Story of the Year” on CAAFlog.com

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

Speaker (scheduled), “Multilateral Dialogue,” Paul Tsai China Law Center at Yale Law School, Florence, Italy (Oct. 2025)

Speaker (scheduled), “Contemporary Issues in National Security and the Law,” Belmont Law Review Symposium (Sept. 2025)

Panelist and Moderator, “Third International Military Justice Forum,” Ecole Militaire, Paris, France (June 2025)

Why It Matters Podcast guest with Alexander Vindman, “[Flags, Forces, and Fear](#)” (June 2025)

Speaker, “*Booker* at 20: a Symposium of the Federal Sentencing Reporter,” Villanova Law School (Apr. 2025)

Panelist, “Critical Evidence Colloquium,” Fordham Law School (March 2025)

Speaker, “President Trump’s Executive Orders,” Jackson Chapter of the American Inns of Court (March 2025)

Keynote Speaker, “Terrorism and National Security Law,” Kerala Global Justice Annual Dialogue, Kerala, India (March 2025)

Speaker, “The Green Wall of Silence,” International Law Society, Mississippi College School of Law (March 2025)

Speaker, “The Military in the Age of Trump 2.0,” University of Illinois School of Law (Jan. 2025)

Moderator, “Critical Perspectives on International Criminal Law,” program of the International Human Rights section at the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, San Francisco (Jan. 2025)

Panel moderator and speaker, “National prosecutions of international crimes,” International Society for Military Law and the Law of War, Abu Dhabi (December 2024)

Speaker, “Freedom to Express: A Debate on First Amendment Rights,” with Brent Skorup and David Gesspass, Mississippi College School of Law (Nov. 4, 2024)

Speaker, “Litigating National Security Cases,” U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Legal Center and School (plenary) (Oct. 30, 2024)

Speaker, “Evidence Refresher for Busy Defenders,” Mississippi Public Defenders Association annual meeting and CLE, Cleveland, MS (Oct. 23, 2024)

Speaker, “International Humanitarian Law in the 21st Century” multilateral academic conference, University of Edinburgh Law School, Scotland (Oct. 14-15, 2024)

CLE Class with Judge Jack Wilson, “Constitutional Law Updates,” Mississippi College School of Law (Sept. 2024)

Moderator, “The Guantanamo Plea Deals,” National Institute of Military Justice (Aug. 2024)

Panel moderator and speaker, “Military Justice: Shared Interests and Opportunities Between Civil Society and the U.S. Government,” Conference of the National Institute of Military Justice at K&L Gates, Washington D.C. (June 17, 2024)

Panel moderator and speaker, “Accountability for Atrocities Under International Criminal Law,” XXIII Congress of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War, Vilnius, Lithuania (May 21-24, 2024)

Guest speaker, “Children Should Not Be Sentenced to Die in Prison,” MC Law’s Phi Alpha Delta (Jan. 29, 2024)

Panel moderator and speaker, “Morales and Brooker’s ‘Restoring Faith in Military Justice,’” (Jan. 12, 2024)

“International Seminar on International Humanitarian Law in the 21st Century,” Paul Tsai China Center of Yale Law School (Dec. 14-15, 2023)

[“International Humanitarian Law: Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict,”](#)

University Institute of Legal Studies (UILS), Panjab University (India) (Dec. 16, 2023)

“Veterans and Military Law Fall 2023 Seminar,” Mississippi Bar Veterans and Military Law Section CLE (Nov. 6, 2023)

Panel moderator and speaker, “Military Justice Transparency,” National Institute of Military Justice annual academic conference, George Washington University School of Law, (Oct. 2023)

Panel moderator and speaker, “The U.S. Relationship with the International Criminal Court in 2023,” (Sept. 2023)

Testimony, “Transparency in Military Justice,” Military Justice Review Panel, New York, NY (July 2023)

Panel moderator and speaker, “Fault Lines in the Laws of War,” XIIIth International Seminar of Legal Advisors of the Armed Forces, International Society for Military Law and the Law of War, United States Military Academy–West Point (Jun. 20-23, 2023)

“The Nuremberg Military Tribunals,” Chicago-Kent School of Law’s Holocaust and the Law class (Jun. 2023)

“Professional Responsibility and the Basic Roles of Military Lawyers,” International Seminar on the International Humanitarian Law in the 21st Century, Paul Tsai China Center at Yale Law School, Military Law Institute at China University of Political Science and Law (an initial closed-door dialogue between U.S. and China military law experts) (May 2023)

“Juvenile Life Without Parole in Mississippi,” In Legal Terms program, Mississippi Public Radio, May 16, 2023 (with Andre de Gruy)

“The Self-Interest of Armed Forces in Accountability for War Crimes by their Own Members,” U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas (2021, 2022, 2023)

“Emergency Departments and Responses to Sexual Assault: Criminal Law Considerations,” University of Mississippi Medical Center (Apr. 2023)

“A Legislator’s Ability to Effect Change in the Lives of Veterans,” Mississippi College Law Review Symposium (Mar. 2023)

“Defending cases involving classified information,” U.S. Air Force JAG Corps, Eglin Air Force Base, FL (Mar. 2023)

Moderator, “The Cavalese Cable Car Disaster at 25: Lessons in Criminal Law and International Law,” MC Law CLE (Mar. 2023) (A program with 12 guest speakers, held in Italian and English)

“Unlawful Influence,” Military Justice Reform: The Next Twenty Years, Villanova Law Review Symposium, Philadelphia, PA (Feb. 2023)

CLE moderator, “Post-Conviction Review, Fundamental Rights, and the Mississippi Supreme Court’s *Howell* Decision,” (with Krissy Nobile, David Voisin, and Graham Carner) (Feb. 2023)

Invited panelist, “First U.S. Army Classified Litigation Course,” Fort Belvoir, VA (Feb. 2023)

“America’s Commissars,” Current Voices in National Security Law Panel, American Association of Law Schools, San Diego, CA (Jan. 2023)

CLE speaker (along with Sarah Matthews from ProPublica), “Secret Courts? The Media’s Right of Access to Military Courts-Martial” at Chicago-Kent School of Law, Chicago, IL (Nov. 2022)

“America’s Commissars,” National Security Law Scholarship Forum, Cowan Liebowitz & Latman PC, New York City, NY (Oct. 2022)

“Media Considerations in Litigation” with Anna Wolfe and Judge Adrienne Wooten, Mississippi College School of Law (Sept. 2022)

“The Military’s Shadow Courts” on the Civil Procedure and Remedies panel, Southeast Association of Law Schools (SEALS) conference, San Destin, FL (Aug. 2022)

“America’s Commissars” at the Next Article Workshop, SEALS conference, San Destin, Florida (Aug. 2022)

“A Tribute to Dr. Klaus Rackwitz,” International Nuremberg Principles Academy, Nuremberg, Germany (Jul. 2022)

“[Military Justice: Reflections and Learnings](#),” Panjab University (India) and Bar & Bench magazine (Jun. 2022)

“Core International Crimes – Developments”, 22nd Congress of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War, Florence, Italy (May 2022)

“Military Justice Reform”, 22nd Congress of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War, Florence, Italy (May 2022)

“Investigating War Crimes,” Justice in War Conference, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA (Apr. 2022)

- “Military Tribunals,” National University of Ireland – Galway (Feb. 2022)
- “Global Military Law Landmarks,” Royal Canadian Military Institute, Toronto, Canada (Feb. 2022) (with Preston Lim and Rory Fowler)
- “Global Military Law Landmarks,” O.P. Jindal Global University, India (Jan. 2022)
- “Preliminary Hearings in the United States Military,” Georgetown Center on National Security, Washington, D.C. (Oct. 2021)
- “The Baghuz Strike: Legal and Ethical Issues,” National Institute of Military Justice expert roundtable (Oct. 2021)
- “The Bergdahl Case: a Defense Perspective,” Keynote speaker, 2021 Washington Criminal Defense Lawyers Association annual conference and CLE, Chelan, Washington (Jun. 2021)
- “Limits of Lawyering at Guantanamo Bay,” University of Chicago-Kent School of Law’s National Security Law symposium, Chicago, IL (Feb. 2021)
- “Litigating Cases Involving Classified Information,” Military Commissions Defense Organization, Arlington, VA, (Nov. 2020)
- “Litigating Cases Involving Classified Information,” U.S. Air Force JAG Office, Eglin Air Force Base, FL (Nov. 2020)
- “The Bergdahl Case,” U.S. Army Contracting Command, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama (Nov. 2020)
- “The Bergdahl Case,” Mississippi and Louisiana Army National Guard Annual CLE (Nov. 2020)
- “Summary Discipline,” International Society for Military Law and the Law of War, Aix-en-Provence, France (scheduled but could not attend due to travel restrictions (May 2020)
- “A Defense Perspective on Media Considerations in High-Profile Trials,” Joint Capital and Complex Defenders Course, Washington D.C. (Apr. 2020) (canceled due to pandemic)
- “Public Service and the Law,” University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA (2018, 2019, 2020)
- Expert Participant, “Yale Expert Workshop on Draft Principles for Military Summary Proceedings,” Yale Law School, New Haven, CT (Feb. 2019)
- “A Defense Perspective on Litigating Cases Involving Classified Information,” U.S. Navy Classified Litigation Division, Washington, D.C. (2018 and 2019)
- “The Bergdahl Case,” Trial Advocacy class, University of Illinois School of Law, Champaign, IL (2019 and 2021)

“The Bergdahl Case,” Military Law class, Mississippi College School of Law, Jackson, MS (2019 and 2021)

Expert Participant, “Workshop on the UN Draft Principles Governing the Administration of Justice Through Military Tribunals,” Yale Law School, New Haven, CT (Mar. 2018)

“Unlawful Command Influence,” Military Justice class, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT (2016, 2017, 2018)

“Prosecuting War Crimes,” The Lieber Institute’s Inaugural Military Operations Course, United States Military Academy–West Point, West Point, NY (July 2018)

Participant, The Nuremberg Principles Academy Seminar for Young Professionals (fully funded; first-ever American selected to participate), Nuremberg, Germany (July 2018)

“Unlawful Influence in Criminal Trials,” Congress of the International Society of Military Law and the Law of War, Lisbon, Portugal (May 2018)

“Duties to Clients in Criminal Cases,” Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL (Jan. 2018)

“Limits of Self-Investigation,” Forum for International Criminal and Humanitarian Law, The Peace Palace, The Hague, Netherlands (Apr. 2017)

“Tribunalization,” speaker and panel moderator, Indian Progressive Lawyer’s Forum, Chandigarh, India (Feb. 2017)

“Current Issues in National Security Law,” Congress of the International Society of Military Law and the Law of War, Prague (Apr. 2015)

“Diagnosing Flawed Investigations,” The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. (Apr. 2013)

Expert participant, “The Self-Interest in Armed Forces in Accountability for their Members for Core International Crimes: And International Expert Symposium,” Hoover Institution of Stanford University in conjunction with UC Berkeley War Crimes Center and the Forum for International Criminal and Humanitarian Law, Palo Alto, CA (Nov. 2012)

“Non-Deployable: The Court-Martial System in Combat from 2001 to 2009,” Creighton Law Review Symposium, Omaha, NE (Mar. 2011)

“Non-Deployable: The Court-Martial System in Combat from 2001 to 2009,” annual American Bar Association’s Standing Committee on Law and National Security, during which a panel of experts discussed the proposals in my law review article. Washington, D.C. (Nov. 2010)

AMICUS BRIEFS

Amicus brief of the Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law and the National Institute of Military Justice, *Al-Bahlul v. United States*, United States Supreme Court (May 2024)

Ronk v. Mississippi, Mississippi Supreme Court (Apr. 2024)

Comment on OTP [the International Criminal Court's Office of the Prosecutor] Environmental Crimes Policy, (with S. Bedi, P. Cave, G. Chiarini, A. Dienelt) (March 2024)

Amicus brief of Evidence Professors, *Diaz v. United States*, United States Supreme Court (Feb. 2024)

United States v. Keago, Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (with National Institute of Military Justice) (May 2023)

United States v. Gilmet, Crim. App. Dkt. No. 202200061, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (with National Institute of Military Justice) (Mar. 2023)

ProPublica v. Butler, Case No. 22-cv-1455-BTM-KSC, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California (with National Institute of Military Justice) (Oct. 2022)

Amicus brief of Military and Veteran's Law Professors in *Jackson v. Secretary of the Navy*, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, No. 21-5252 (Apr. 2022)

Navy SEALs v. Biden, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, No. 22-10077, (with National Institute of Military Justice) (Apr. 2022)

Amicus brief of Military Law Scholars in *Ohio Adjutant General's Dep't v. Federal Labor Relations Authority*, U.S. Supreme Court, No 21-1454 (Dec. 2022)

Sissell v. Wormuth, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, Case #22-5045 (with Eugene Fidell) (Sept. 2022)

Brief of War Powers Scholars as Amici Curiae in Support of Petitioner, *Torres v. Texas Dep't of Public Safety*, U.S. Supreme Court (Feb. 2022)

Prosecutor v. Ongwen, Appeals Chamber, International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague, Netherlands (with National Institute of Military Justice) (Dec. 2021)

- Selected to give amicus oral argument in The Hague
- Brief was [favorably cited ten times](#) in the Appeals Chamber's decision

MEDIA

Anthony Warren, [*Mississippi's longest-serving death row inmate seeks clemency from governor*](#), WLBT3, June 16, 2025

Ziva Branstetter, [*A Defense Department Directive to Expand Access to Military Courts Falls Short of Federal Law Requirements*](#), ProPublica, Jan. 29, 2025

[*A Few Good Men and Women*](#), Amicus (MC Law) magazine, Winter 2024

Emmett Lindner, [*U.S. Soldier Pleads Guilty to Desertion After Fleeing Into North Korea*](#), N.Y. TIMES, Sept. 21, 2024

SHAD WHITE, MISSISSIPPI SWINDLE: BRETT FAVRE AND THE WELFARE SCANDAL THAT SHOCKED AMERICA, 2024

BrieAnna Frank, [*Idaho Law Will Require Parental Consent to Use Certain Names, Pronouns in School*](#), USA TODAY, May 24, 2024

BrieAnna Frank, [*Is it Illegal to Protest in Texas? Fact-checking False Claims*](#), USA TODAY, Apr. 30, 2024

Megan Rose, [*A Federal Judge Rules That ProPublica's Lawsuit Over Military Court Access Should Move Forward*](#), ProPublica, April 3, 2024

Butler Snow LLP, [*Jim Letten Appointed by United States District Court to Serve as Special Master in District of Columbia*](#), Sept. 27, 2023

Daniel Wilson, *Bergdahl Says U.S. Made No Case to Visit Vacated Conviction*, Law360.com, Sept. 18, 2023

Kyle Rempfer, [*A U.S. airman was accused of betrayal in Syria. Then the case crumbled*](#), WASH. POST, Aug. 6, 2023

Daniel Wilson, *Bergdahl's Conviction Tossed Over Colonel's Bid To Be Judge*, Law360.com, July 25, 2023

Daniel Wilson, *Split Decision For Bergdahl On Bid to Nix Court-Martial*, LAW360, Apr. 4, 2023

Megan Rose, [*New Pentagon Rules Keep Many Military Records Secret*](#), PROPUBLICA, Feb. 1, 2023

Vianna Davila, Lexi Churchill, Ren Larson, [*Twice Accused of Sexual Assault, He Was Let Go by Army Commanders. He Attacked Again*](#), PROPUBLICA, Aug. 9, 2022

Kyle Rempfer, [*Eight Green Berets Quietly Disciplined After Afghan Prisoner's Beating Death*](#), ARMY TIMES, Mar. 29, 2022

Davis Winkie, [*Colorado Guard JAG Officer Suing Superiors Over His Participation in BLM Protests*](#), ARMY TIMES, Apr. 22, 2021

Kyle Rempfer, [*The Army Doesn't Know How Many Extremists it has Booted*](#), ARMY TIMES, Feb. 19, 2021

Kyle Rempfer, [*Army General Loses Star, Retires Over Sexual Misconduct Complaint He Disputes*](#), ARMY TIMES, Aug. 18, 2020

Mary Wood, [*Defending Bowe Bergdahl: JAG Lawyer Frank Rosenblatt '06 Is Handling His Toughest Case Yet*](#), UVA LAWYER, Feb. 1, 2016

Mark Thompson, [*The 'Good Soldier' Defense is Mortally Wounded*](#), Time, Mar. 11, 2014

Chelsea Carter, [*Frank Rosenblatt Returns to Iraq as a Lawyer – and a New Father*](#), CNN.COM, Dec. 11, 2011

EXPERT CONSULTATIONS

One of seven international experts selected to write expert reports for the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF) in Switzerland about military justice reform in Ukraine. I, along with two of those experts, wrote the expert report for DCAF on military prosecutors (Jan. 2023)

One of seven international experts engaged by DCAF to conduct a survey of parliamentary oversight of national military justice practices among European countries (Apr. 2023, survey results and analyses expected by the end of 2023)

PEER REVIEW

INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF THE RED CROSS (blind reviewer, 2024)

Routledge Press (blind reviewer, 2025)

LEGAD'S CORNER (Periodical publication of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War focused on international humanitarian law) (2025 – present)

AFFILIATIONS

[National Institute of Military Justice](#)

- President, 2023 to present
- Vice President, 2021 – 2023
- General Counsel, 2020 – 2021

Co-Editor in Chief, [FORCES LAW REVIEW](#)

International Society of Military Law and the Law of War

- President, Criminal & Disciplinary Law Committee
- Board of directors

Advisory Director, Chicago-Kent School of Law's Center for National Security and Human Rights Law

International Advisor, Jindal Society for International Law (India)

Member, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Contributor, Global Military Justice Reform blog

Association of American Law Schools

- Executive Committee, International Human Rights Law section
- Executive Committee, Evidence section

Special Master, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

- Appointed by Judge Amit Mehta in 2023 to conduct evidentiary hearings and write reports and recommendations in a class of civil cases brought against Iran under the Terrorism Exception to the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act. My report was approved without any amendment or correction.
- Appointed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly in 2024 for the same. Filed two 100+ reports and recommendations on damages that were accepted and adopted by the district court without correction.

Co-founder and Co-Editor in Chief, FORCES LAW REVIEW (first edition in 2025)

American Society for International Law

- Co-chair, ASIL Southeast Interest Group

LAW SCHOOL AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Director, Litigation and Dispute Resolution Center (2021 – 2023)

Director, International and Comparative Law Center (2023 – present)

Member, Academic Programs Committee (2021 – 2023)

Member, Academic Standards Committee (2021 – present)

LL.M and Study Abroad Committee (2022 – present)

- Chair (2024 – present)

Member, NextGen Bar Committee (2023 – 2024)

Selected to teach a mock class at Admitted Students Day (2022, 2024, 2025)

Moot court coaching

- International Criminal Court moot court (2022)
- Jessup international law moot court (2023, 2024)
- Bayou Classic mock trial competition (3rd place) (2023)
- U.S. Army War Crimes moot court competition (2023, 2024)
- Prince Evidence Competition (2025) (best brief award)
- Taught closing argument class to moot court members during Mock Trial Bootcamp (2023, 2024)

LAW SCHOOL AWARDS

Professor of the Year (voted by students) (2023, 2024, 2025)

Law school's nominee for University Distinguished Professor Award (voted by the law school faculty) (2025)

Selected as the honorary member of Order of Barristers (2025)

Excellence in Advocacy Award for best *pro bono* contributions by a member of the law school community (2022, 2024, 2025)

BLSA Professor of the Year (2024)

Daniel E. Ruhl '04 Award for best moot court coach (2022)

LAW STUDENT PAPER ADVISEES SELECTED FOR PUBLICATION

Hannah Eckel (2022)

Sarina Larson (2023)

May Hebert (2025) (Best Comment Award)

Whitney Dowell (2025)

Codie Hicks (2025)

John Clyde Ready (2025)

BAR AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Pro bono post-trial representation of Mississippi juveniles who were sentenced to life without the possibility of parole

- *Roberson v. State of Mississippi* (presented oral argument to Mississippi Court of Appeals)
- *Whittington v. State of Mississippi* (successfully advocated for a reversal of LWOP to parole eligibility)

Pro bono advocacy for Richard Jordan (2025)

Pro bono representation of Bowe Bergdahl in *Bergdahl v. United States*, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

Pro bono representation of Kenneth Bingham on post-conviction review in the Hinds County Circuit Court, Jackson, Mississippi (2025)

Pro bono representation of Private Travis King, a U.S. Army soldier who fled to North Korea (lead counsel) (2023 – 2024)

Pro bono representation of Jane Doe, a defense counsel at the Military Commissions in Guantanamo Bay (2022)

Organized a grassroots effort for members of the law school community to voice their support to a proposed change to Miss. R. Crim. P. 7.2 to eliminate a “dead zone” where indigent pre-trial detainees could be incarcerated for years without counsel or charges. Our initiative gained 23 faculty and staff signatures and 142 law students. The effort succeeded and the Mississippi Supreme Court adopted the Rule 7.2 change on April 13, 2023

Capital Area Bar Association award for best *pro bono* contributions in the local legal community (2021)

Executive Committee, Mississippi Bar Association’s Military and Veteran’s Law Committee (2024 to present)

STATE BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Colorado (2006) (inactive)

District of Columbia (2018)

Mississippi (2020)

COURT MEMBERSHIPS

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Courts of Appeals

- District of Columbia Circuit
- Fifth Circuit
- Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
- Federal Circuit

U.S. District Courts

- District of Columbia
- Southern District of Mississippi
- Northern District of Mississippi

- Central District of California (*pro hac vice*)

U.S. Court of International Trade

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals