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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Mississippi Christian School of Law, Jackson, Mississippi

- Positions:
Associate Professor of Law with Tenure, 2026 – present
Associate Professor of Law, 2024 – 2026
Assistant Professor of Law, 2021 – 2024
- Courses taught:
Evidence, Constitutional Law, First Amendment, International Law,
International Criminal Law, Comparative Civil Rights Law, Military Justice,
Trial Practice
- Course evaluation average: 4.86 (out of 5)
- Selected by the student body as Professor of the Year in 2023, 2024, 2025,
and 2026

EXPERIENCE

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

Court of Appeals Judge

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

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (2022 – present)

Special Master

- Appointed by four U.S. district court judges to conduct evidentiary hearings and write reports and recommendations in civil cases brought by victims of terrorism under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act

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

Of Counsel

Butler Snow LLP, Ridgeland, MS (2020 – 21)

Senior Counsel

- First-chaired litigation in federal and state courts
- Chair of the firm's national security law practice group

Current as of July 15, 2026

The Honorable Barbara Jacobs Rothstein, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (2018 – 20)
Judicial Law Clerk

U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps (2006 – 18)
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
- Awards include the Expert Infantryman Badge, Combat Action Badge, Legion of Merit, and two awards of the Bronze Star Medal

EDUCATION

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

J.D., University of Virginia School of Law

B.A., James Madison University

BOOKS

GLOBAL MILITARY JUSTICE (Simon & Schuster, expected 2027), with Michelle Els, Eugene Fidell, Chris Griggs, Gwenael Guyon, Navdeep Singh

GUIDE TO THE RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE FOR THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES (25th ed.) (LexisNexis, 2026), with Eugene R. Fidell, Marcus N. Fulton, Max J. Goldberg, Dwight Sullivan

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

MILITARY COURT RULES OF THE UNITED STATES: PROCEDURE, CITATION, PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, CIVILITY, AND JUDICIAL CONDUCT, (12th ed.) (LexisNexis, 2026), with Eugene R. Fidell, Max Goldberg, Benjamin K. Grimes, Jonathan F. Potter

- Lead editor

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

SELECT ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Judicial Notice (work in progress)

- Presented at Vanderbilt Law School's Evidence Scholar's Workshop, May 2026

[*The Armed Forces Need the Military Justice Review Panel*](#), JUST SECURITY, May 19, 2026 (with Eugene Fidell)

[*ICE in Minneapolis, the "Blue Wall of Silence," and Investigative Cover-ups: Lessons from the U.S. Military*](#), 57 COLUM. HUM. RTS. L. REV. 19 (2026)

[*Discipline and Punishment*](#), 13 BELMONT L. REV. 307 (2026)

- Third place recognition for ASIL's 2026 Baxter Prize for an outstanding paper worldwide in the field of international humanitarian law
- The paper's recommendations were implemented by the Commonwealth Secretariat in a model law for the 56 countries of the British Commonwealth

[*Plea Bargaining in the United States Military*](#), 38 FED. SENT'G REP. __ (forthcoming Nov. 2026)

[*An International Criminal Law Perspective on the Recent Boat Strikes and Venezuela Invasion*](#), U. Penn's Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law (CERL)'s Rule of Law Post (Apr. 20, 2026)

[*Hypothetical Legal Review of Use of the U.S. Military in Greenland*](#), JUST SECURITY, Jan. 22, 2026 (with Dan Maurer, Steve Lepper, Eugene Fidell, Alberto Mora)

[*Trump's Venezuela Legal Defense Rests on Youngstown 'Gloss' Idea*](#), BLOOMBERG, Jan. 5, 2026

Book chapter, *Implementation of the Law of Armed Conflict by the United States Armed Forces*, INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW IN THE 21ST CENTURY (Karman Lucero, Li Qiang, eds.) (forthcoming 2026)

[*The Military's Social Media Purge*](#), LAWFARE, Dec. 23, 2025

[*The Reality of Lawful and Unlawful Military Orders*](#), HOME OF THE BRAVE (with Colby Vokey), Dec. 12, 2025

Book chapter, [*Different Spanks for Different Ranks: Character Evidence in Courts-Martial*](#), in CRITICAL EVIDENCE (Bennett Capers, Jasmine Harris, Julia Simon-Kerr, eds.) (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2026)

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 2027)

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)

[*A Comparative Law Analysis of the Military Justice Systems of Poland and the United States*](#) (with S. Kulmaczewski), MARITIME SECURITY YEARBOOK vol. XIX, 33-61 (2025)

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)

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 CAAFllog.com
- also published in *The Army Lawyer* (Sept. 2010)

Review, *Wired for War: the Robotics Revolution and Conflict in the Twenty-First
Century*, 203 MIL. L. REV. 381 (2010)

SCHOLARLY INDEX

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- 2926 SSRN downloads from 2024 to June 2026

SELECT PRESENTATIONS (last five years)

Panelist and moderator, *The National Institute of Military Justice’s
Semiquincentennial Special* (July 2026)

Guest lecturer, *Boat Strikes and International Criminal Law*, University of
Pennsylvania’s Center for Ethics and Rule of Law summer series (July 2026)

Speaker, *Evidence Refresher for Busy Defenders*, National Association of Public
Defense (June 2026)

Radio guest, [Hearsay](#), Mississippi Public Broadcasting’s *In Legal Terms* with Adam
Kilgore (June 2026)

Speaker, *Evidence Tune-Up for Busy Defenders*, Illinois Public Defenders
Association (May 2026)

Speaker, *Evidence Without Judicial Notice*, Vanderbilt Law’s Evidence Scholar’s
Workshop (May 2026)

Speaker, Law Day, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at Fort Carson, Colorado
(May 2026)

Panelist, *Academic Seminar on International Humanitarian Law in the 21st Century*, Yale Law School and China University of Political Science and Law
(Apr. 2026)

Moderator, *Operation Absolute Resolve in Venezuela and the Capture of Nicolás Maduro*, University of Pennsylvania's Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law conference, *Evolving Norms of Military Aid to Civilian Law Enforcement: Is Militarized Law Enforcement Consistent with the Rule of Law?* (Apr. 2026)

Panelist, *National Security Law*, University of Baltimore School of Law's 2026 Law Review Symposium (Apr. 2026)

Speaker, *Military Justice Update*, Mississippi and Louisiana Army & Air Force National Guard Annual CLE (Apr. 2026)

Evidence Law for Youth Defenders, Office of State Public Defender CLE, Tupelo, MS
(Mar. 2026)

Speaker, *Critical Evidence*, National Association of Public Defense's "Rise, Resist, Represent" CLE (Mar. 2026)

Guest (with Prof. Brenner Fissell), *A Few Good Men*, Prof. Jonathan Hafetz's *Law on Film* podcast (Mar. 2026)

Guest lecturer, *Lawful and Unlawful Military Orders*, U.S. Naval Postgraduate School (Mar. 2026)

Guest speaker, *International Humanitarian Law overview*, Chicago-Kent Law (Feb. 2026)

Speaker, *Press Freedom and the First Amendment* (with Jerry Mitchell), Mississippi College School of Law (Feb. 2026)

Guest, *Justice Matters* podcast with Glenn Kirschner (Nov. 2025)

Speaker, [*Military Deployment in U.S. Cities*](#), University of Virginia School of Law
(Nov. 2025)

Guest lecturer, *The Bergdahl Case*, William & Mary School of Law (Oct. 2025)

Panelist, *National Guard Law Enforcers*, Mississippi College School of Law (Oct. 2025)

Speaker, *Evidence Refresher for Busy Defenders*, Mississippi Public Defenders Annual Conference, Meridian, MS (Oct. 2025)

Speaker, *Lawful and Unlawful Military Orders*, The Quaker House (Oct. 2025)

Speaker, *Free Speech and Civic Engagement*, Jackson League of Woman Voters (Oct. 2025)

Speaker, *Academic Seminar on International Humanitarian Law in the 21st Century*, Paul Tsai China Law Center at Yale Law School and European University Institute, Florence, Italy (Oct. 2025)

Speaker, *Military Law*, “In Legal Terms” Mississippi Public Radio broadcast (Sept. 2025)

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

Speaker, *Constitution Day*, University of Louisiana Monroe special event (Sept. 2025)

A.A.R.P. v. Trump Panel Discussion, American Constitutional Society of Ohio Northern University (Sept. 4, 2025)

Extents and Limits of U.S. Presidential Powers, International Institute for Citizenship Awareness and Responsible Engagement (Aug. 26, 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, 2024)

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

A Legislature’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 (2020, 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, 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)

Keynote speaker, *The Bergdahl Case: a Defense Perspective*, 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)

AMICUS BRIEFS

Amicus brief of Former U.S. Military Lawyers, *United States v. Johnson* (June 2026)

Amicus brief of Evidence Law Professors in support of appellant, *Michigan v. Gerwatowski*, Michigan Supreme Court (May 2026)

Amicus brief of the National Institute of Military Justice, *United States v. Nelson*, Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (Mar. 2026)

Amicus brief of Military and Veterans Law Professors and Practitioners, *Wiggins v. Collins*, United States Supreme Court (Dec. 2025)

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)

- This brief was favorably cited by the ICC, which used content from our brief

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 (last five years)

Kyle Rempfer, [Military contractors no longer have "immunity" to lawsuits brought by troops](#), TASK & PURPOSE, Apr. 23, 2026

George Sanchez-Tello, ["People are watching now:" Army explanation of Jolon Road stops outside Fort Hunter Liggett fails to convince experts](#), VOICES OF MONTEREY BAY, Mar. 30, 2026

Rose Thayer, [Hegseth calls for realignment review of military's legal work](#), STARS AND STRIPES, Mar. 16, 2026

Taylor Seely, [Is a puberty book for kids criminally obscene? This lawmaker says yes](#), Arizona Republic, Mar. 15, 2026

Megan Rose, [ProPublica Wins Lawsuit Over Access to Court Records in U.S. Navy Cases](#), PROPUBLICA, Mar. 6, 2026

Ashton Southern, [Air strikes on Iran spark debate over US war powers](#), WJTV Jackson, Mar. 2, 2026

- Angela Williams, [*Mississippi Supreme Court hears bid to revive Phil Bryant's lawsuit against Mississippi Today*](#), WAPT16 News, Feb. 18, 2026
- Taylor Seely, [*Takeaways from ruling against Pentagon in favor of Sen. Mark Kelly*](#), ARIZONA REPUBLIC, Feb. 13, 2026
- George Sanchez-Tello, [*Despite Army denials, evidence mounts of secretive South Monterey County ICE operations*](#), VOICES OF MONTEREY BAY, Feb. 12, 2026
- Ziva Branstetter, [*A Defense Department Directive to Expand Access to Military Courts Falls Short of Federal Law's Requirements*](#), FEDWEEK, Feb. 6, 2026
- Ronald J. Hansen and Taylor Seely, [*Sen. Mark Kelly files suit against Pentagon over censure, video*](#), ARIZONA REPUBLIC, Jan. 13, 2026
- Taylor Seely, [*Her 'Game of Thrones' GIF shut down a city meeting. She lost everything.*](#) ARIZONA REPUBLIC, Dec. 17, 2025
- [*U.S. military members fear personal legal consequences related to boat strikes*](#), NPR'S WEEKEND EDITION, Dec. 13, 2025
- [*Military members fear legal risk tied to boat strikes*](#), NPR, Dec. 12, 2025
- [*Lawfare Daily: The Duty to Disobey Unlawful Orders*](#), LAWFARE, Dec. 11, 2025 (with Natalie Orpett and Colby Vokey)
- [*If you can keep it: Trump and matters of military law*](#), NPR's 1A, Dec. 8, 2025 (with Dan Maurer and Colby Vokey)
- [*Service Members Concerns Growing Over Potential Illegal Orders: Frank Rosenblatt*](#), THE HILL RISING, Dec. 5, 2025
- [*NewsNation Live with Marni Hughes*](#), Dec. 4, 2025
- Ellen Mitchell, [*Fears grow inside military over illegal orders after Hegseth authorized follow-up boat strikes*](#), THE HILL, Dec. 1, 2025
- Noah Robertson, Tara Copp, Sarah Ellison, [*Hegseth conscripts the Pentagon for Trump's 'retribution campaign.'*](#) WASH. POST, Nov. 30, 2025
- [*Pentagon will investigate Senator Kelly's statements*](#), 13 NEWS TUCSON, Nov. 24, 2025
- Amna Nawaz, [*Military personnel seek legal advice on whether Trump-ordered missions are lawful*](#), PBS NEWS HOUR, Nov. 13, 2025
- Brad McElhinny, [*Judge holds off again on deciding whether West Virginia National Guard deployment to D.C. was lawful*](#), WV METRONews, Nov. 3, 2025
- E. Tammy Kim, [*Inside Donald Trump's Attack on Immigration Courts*](#), THE NEW YORKER, Oct. 23, 2025

Rachel Fobar, *They've Never Been Arrested. Why Does the FBI List Thousands of Service Members as Potential Criminals?*, [MOTHER JONES](#), [THE WAR HORSE](#), Oct. 23, 2025

Rachel Fobar, [Thousands of Vets Saddled with False Criminal Histories](#), MILITARY TIMES, Oct. 23, 2025

BrieAnna Frank, ["No Kings" organizers concerned about protests. But "courage is contagious"](#), USA TODAY, Oct. 17, 2025

BrieAnna Frank, [Is Oklahoma requiring all high schools to start Turning Point USA chapters?](#), USA TODAY, Sept. 26, 2025

Mina Corpuz, [Mississippi executes Richard Jordan](#), MISSISSIPPI TODAY, June 25, 2025

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

Courtney Kube and Mosheh Gains, [Travis King, U.S. Army private who ran into North Korea, to plead guilty to desertion](#), NBC NEWS, Aug. 26, 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

EXPERT CONSULTATIONS AND TESTIMONY

Selected to write an expert report for Ukraine's new military justice law, Mar. 2026

Qualified and testified as an expert witness in military law, West Virginia Citizen Action Group v. Governor Patrick Morrissey, CC-20-2025-C-1007, Circuit Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia, Nov. 3, 2025

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

Association of American Law Schools

- Chair, International Human Rights Law section (2026)
- Executive Committee, Evidence section

National Institute of Military Justice

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

Co-Editor in Chief, FORCES LAW REVIEW

University of Pennsylvania's Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law (CERL)

- Advisory Council member, 2025 – present

Journal of National Security Law & Policy

- Editorial Board, 2025 – present

International Society of Military Law and the Law of War

- President, Criminal & Disciplinary Law Committee, 2021 – present
- Board of directors, 2024 – present

Advisory Board, University Institute of Legal Studies (UILS) Student Law Review Journal

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

Former JAGs Working Group, 2025 to present

International Advisor, Jindal Society for International Law (India)

Member, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Contributor, Global Military Justice Reform blog

American Society for International Law

- Co-chair, ASIL Southeast Interest Group

LAW SCHOOL AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Director, Litigation and Dispute Resolution Center (2021-23)

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

Member, Academic Programs Committee (2021-23)

Member, Academic Standards Committee (2021 – present)

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

- Chair (2024 – present)

Member, NextGen Bar Committee (2023-24)

Barrister, Charles Clark Inns of Court chapter (2024 – present)

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, 2026) (best brief award out of 34 teams in 2025)
- 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, 2026)

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) (one honorary member per year selected by students)

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) (only year offered)

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

LAW STUDENT PAPER ADVISEES SELECTED FOR PUBLICATION

Hannah Eckel, *For the Ones Who Endured so that a Nation Might Live: a Plea to the Mississippi Legislature and Judiciary to Amend Miss. Code Ann. 9-25-1 and Adopt a Mississippi Statewide Veterans Treatment Court*, 41 MISS. C. L. REV. _ (2023)

Sarina Larson, *Amending Rule 15.3 of the Mississippi Rules of Criminal Procedure to Fully Capture Boykin v. Alabama and Acknowledge Systemic Coercion Indigent Defendants Face in Mississippi*, 42 MISS. C. L. REV. _ (2024)

May Hebert, *Restoring the Right to Effectiveness: How an Unreasonably High Burden for Proving Ineffective Assistance of Counsel Violates the Sixth Amendment*, 44 MISS. C. L. REV. _ (2026) (Best Comment Award)

Whitney Dowell, *The High Cost of Low Pay: How Mississippi's Compensation System for Indigent Defense Violates the Sixth Amendment*, 44 MISS. C. L. REV. _ (2026)

Codie Hicks, *Red, White, & Due: How the Due Process Clause can Prevent Homeless Encampment Cleanouts from Sweeping Individual Rights Under the Rug*, 44 MISS. C. L. REV. _ (2026) (second place in university-wide research forum)

John Clyde Ready, *Judges in Command: How Judicial Creativity in Interpreting the Federal Tort Claims Act Hurts Military Discipline*, 44 MISS. C. L. REV. _ (2026)

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 (death penalty) (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 – present)

- Oral argument to be scheduled at Mississippi Court of Appeals

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

Mississippi Supreme Court

Mississippi Court of Appeals