



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL CHRISTOPHER A. BROWN

Brig Gen Christopher A. Brown is the Lead Special Trial Counsel, Office of Special Trial Counsel, Department of the Air Force, Washington, D.C. In this capacity, he oversees the Department's legal representation in the investigation and trial-level litigation of covered offenses, pursuant to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, 10 U.S.C. § 801(17), and other offenses over which the office exercises authority. The Department's Office of Special Trial Counsel operates independently of the military chains of command of both the victims of alleged covered offenses and those accused of covered offenses. Brig Gen Brown reports directly to the Secretary of the Air Force with no intervening authority.



Brig Gen Brown graduated Army Basic Training in 1985 and served in the Army National Guard as an enlisted Army Military Policeman while attending law school. During his second year of law school, he was activated for Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. He commissioned into the Air Force through Officer Training School in 1995 and served five years as a Security Police Officer prior to completing an intra-service transfer to the JAG Corps. Brig Gen Brown has deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in support of Detainee Operations, and to Qatar in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

Brig Gen Brown has served in a variety of legal positions at the base, the field operating agency, and the MAJCOM, including as a Staff Judge Advocate twice, as an Instructor and as the Commandant of The Air Force Judge Advocate General's School. His experience covers virtually all facets of the military justice system, including Area Defense Counsel, Appellate Military Judge, and Chief of the Military Justice Division at the headquarters level. He is admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of the United States, the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

EDUCATION

- 1989 Bachelors of Arts Degree in History, *cum laude*, Bridgewater State College, Mass.
- 1993 Juris Doctor, Suffolk University Law School, Mass.
- 1995 Officer Training School (Distinguished Graduate)
- 2000 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence and in residence, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2005 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2008 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2011 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 1985 - April 1986, Basic Military Training/Advanced Infantry Training, Fort McClellan, Ala.
2. April 1986 – September 1991, Massachusetts Army National Guard (December 1991 – May 1992 served on active duty in Southwest Asia during operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM).
3. October 1995 – February 1998, Missile Security Flight Commander, 447th Missile Squadron, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.

4. February 1998 – February 2000, Flight Commander, Training & Resources Flight, 9th Security Forces Squadron, Beale AFB, Calif.
5. May 2000 – July 2003, Chief, Legal Assistance/Preventive Law (Chief Military Justice, and Claims) 86th Airlift Wing, Ramstein AB, Germany (September 2001 – December 2001, Deployed Staff Judge Advocate, Doha Air Base, Qatar).
6. August 2003 – August 2004, Chief, Military Justice, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea.
7. September 2004 – September 2005, Chief, General Claims, 37th Training Wing, Lackland AFB, Texas (May 2005 – August 2005, Deployed Chief of Intelligence Law, Joint Task Force GTMO, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba).
8. September 2005 – August 2007, Area Defense Counsel, Air Force Legal Service Agency, Lackland AFB, Tex.
9. August 2007 – July 2008, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
10. July 2008 – July 2011, Instructor, Deputy Chief, and Chief Military Justice Division, The Air Force Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. July 2011 – July 2013, Deputy Director, Training and Readiness Directorate, Joint Air Base Andrews, Md.
12. July 2013 – July 2016, Staff Judge Advocate, 6th Air Mobility Wing, MacDill AFB, Fla.
13. July 2016 – August 2017, Appellate Judge, Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
14. August 2017 – July 2019, Chief, Military Justice Division, Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
15. July 2019 – July 2021, Commandant, Air Force Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
16. July 2021 – January 2023, Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
17. February 2023 – Present, Lead Special Trial Counsel, Office of Special Trial Counsel, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters
 Joint Service Commendation Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Achievement Medal
 Reserve Component Army Achievement Medal
 American Bar Association Outstanding Military Service Career Judge Advocate Award, August 2022
 Robert Lowry Award for Leadership and Academics, JASOC May 2000
 447 Missile Squadron Company Grade Officer of the Year, 1997
 Security Forces Company Grade Officer of the Year, 1997
 Honor Graduate Security Police Officer Air Base Ground Defense School, March 1996
 Distinguished Graduate Officer Training School, September 1995

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	22 September 1995
First Lieutenant	22 September 1997
Captain	September 1999
Major	1 April 2006
Lieutenant Colonel	1 November 2011
Colonel	1 December 2016
Brigadier General	1 February 2023

(Current as of February 2023)