

SUSAN J. CRAWFORD
CONVENING AUTHORITY FOR MILITARY COMMISSIONS

BIOGRAPHY

Susan J. Crawford has been selected by the secretary of defense to serve as the convening authority for military commissions. Pursuant to the Military Commissions Act of October 17 2006, the Convening Authority is responsible for overseeing many aspects of the Military Commissions process, including referring charges to trial by Military Commission. The Convening Authority is also responsible for detailing Military Commission members, reviewing the findings and sentence of military commissions, and supervising the Office of the Convening Authority.

Crawford served for 30 years as a lawyer in numerous positions, culminating in her service as Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces from 1991 to 2006. In that position she provided civilian oversight to the military justice system, and served as Chief Judge for five years. Additionally, she has served as the Inspector General for the Department of Defense, the General Counsel of the Army, and the Assistant State's Attorney for Garrett County, Maryland.

She earned her undergraduate degree in History at Bucknell University in 1969 and her law degree at the New England School of Law of Boston in 1977.

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