



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION COMMAND

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Col. Michael J. Benjamin

Col. Michael Benjamin is the Staff Judge Advocate, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (TCJA), United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

A graduate of the Georgetown University ROTC program, Col. Benjamin received a commission as a 1st lieutenant into the Judge Advocate General's Corps. After completing the Army Judge Advocate General's Officer Basic Course, he was assigned to V Corps, Frankfurt, Germany and served as a trial counsel and senior trial counsel. He then became a trial defense counsel in Kirch Gõns, Germany. After returning to the states, he became an instructor at the Department of Law, United States Military Academy. After completing an LL.M. in military law at the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, Col. Benjamin was then assigned as the chief of Military Justice, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Ga. From there he obtained a second LL.M. degree, this one in government procurement law from George Washington University Law school and proceeded to his next assignment as the professor and chair, Contract and Fiscal Law Division, The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School. He then served as chief attorney to the administrative assistant to the Secretary of the Army and during this assignment he deployed as the command Judge Advocate, Joint Contracting Command for Iraq and Afghanistan. He then served as the Staff Judge Advocate for Fort Bliss. In his most recent prior assignment, Col. Benjamin served as the legal advisor/Staff Judge Advocate to the NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan/Combined Security Transition Command, Afghanistan.



EDUCATION:

- 1985 Bachelor of Science, foreign service, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
- 1988 Doctor of Jurisprudence, University of Florida, College of Law, Gainesville, Fla.
- 1989 Officer Basic Course, Judge Advocate General's School, Charlottesville, Va.
- 1998 Master of Law (LL.M.) in military law, Judge Advocate General's School, Charlottesville, Va.
- 2001 Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. (non-resident)
- 2001 Master of Law (LL.M.) in government contracts, George Washington Law School, Washington, D.C.
- 2011 Master of Strategic Studies, United States Army War College, Carlisle, Pa.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. 1989 – 1991 Trial counsel, then senior trial counsel, V Corps, Frankfurt, Germany
2. 1991 – 1993 Trial defense counsel, Kirch Gõns, Germany
3. 1993 – 1997 Instructor, then assistant professor of law, U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

4. 1998 – 2000 chief, Military Justice, 3d Infantry Division and Fort Stewart, Ga.
5. 2001 – 2005 deputy chair, then chair, Contract and Fiscal Law Division, The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, Charlottesville, Va.
6. 2005 – 2008 chief attorney, administrative assistant to the Secretary of the Army, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., including six months as Command Judge Advocate, Joint Contracting Command Iraq/Afghanistan, Baghdad, Iraq
9. 2008 – 2010 Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Bliss, Texas
10. 2011 – 2012, legal advisor/Staff Judge Advocate, NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan / Combined Security Transition Command, Afghanistan
11. 2012 – present, Staff Judge Advocate, United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit (two Oak Leaf Clusters)
Bronze Star Medal
Meritorious Service Medal (three OLCs)
Army Commendation Medal (OLC)
Army Achievement Medal
Afghanistan and Iraq Campaign Medals
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Overseas Service Ribbon
Army Service Ribbon
NATO non-Article 5 Medal

He is also entitled to wear the Combat Action Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

First Lieutenant – 2 July 1987
Captain – 1 August 1989
Major – 1 October 1996
Lieutenant Colonel – 1 October 2001
Colonel – 20 December 2007

(Current as of December 2012)