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Colonel Williams began his military service as an Engineer Officer in 1998 and transitioned to the Judge General's Corps upon graduation from law school in 2004. He has served in a number of legal positions advising commanders on a broad spectrum of legal issues related to criminal law, international law, and administrative law. Colonel Williams deployed to Iraq from 2006 to 2007 with 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division. In addition, he served as an Associate Professor of International and Operational Law at the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in Charlottesville, Virginia.

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### Selected Publications

- *How Do You Like Me Now? Hamdan v. Rumsfeld and the Legal Justifications for Global Targeting*, University of Pennsylvania Journal of International Law (2019) (with Shane Reeves & Amy McCarthy)
- *Complex Battlespaces: The Law of Armed Conflict and the Dynamics of Modern Warfare* (Oxford University Press, 2018) (with LTC Christopher Ford)
- *Targeting and the Law of Armed Conflict*, Chapter in *The Law of Military Operations* (Oxford University Press, 2015) (with Colonel Gary Corn and Colonel James Dapper)
- *Multinational Rules of Engagement: Caveats and Friction*, *The Army Lawyer*, January 2013