Martin Mitchell, J.D., LL.M.

Veterans Law Judge
Board of Veterans' Appeals

Martin Mitchell was appointed in September 2022 by the Secretary of VA and approved by the President of the United States, to conduct hearings with Veterans and their representatives and timely decide Veterans' appeals on behalf of the Secretary in VA benefits cases. As a Veterans Law Judge, Judge Mitchell's responsibilities include supervising a staff of decision-writing attorneys.

Prior to joining the Board of Veterans' Appeals, Judge Mitchell served in the U.S. Air Force as a JAG officer for over 21 years. His career included assignments as a Trial Defense Counsel, Circuit Defense Counsel, Labor and Employment Law Attorney, Executive Officer, Chief Circuit Defense Counsel, Staff Judge Advocate on two occasions, Military Trial Judge and Senior Appellate Military Judge. He was selected for an Air Force-funded LLM at Georgetown University Law Center in Labor and Employment Law. During his assignment as a Senior Appellate Military Judge, Judge Mitchell was appointed by President Obama to serve as a Judge on the U.S. Court of Military Commission Review. His final assignment before retiring as a Colonel (O-6) was serving as the Director of Civil Law and Litigation.

After retiring from active duty, Judge Mitchell served as a Senior Level Commissioner at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. Judge Mitchell is also an adjunct Associate Professor of Law at American University's Washington College of Law where he teaches an experiential class on negotiation and mediation.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2022 – present	Veterans Law Judge
2019 – present	Adjunct Associate Professor of Law, Washington College of Law
2017 – 2022	Senior Level Commissioner, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
1996 – 2017	U.S. Air Force JAG Officer

EDUCATION:

2003	Masters of Law, with Distinction, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington DC
1995	Juris Doctor, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington DC
1991	Bachelor of Arts, University of Delaware, Newark DE