

## Colonel Tyesha L. Smith



Colonel Tyesha Lowery Smith is a native of Portsmouth, Virginia. In January 1999, Colonel Smith entered active duty, as a direct commissionee, in the United States Army Judge Advocate General Corps. She is a graduate of the Judge Advocate Officer Basic Course, the Judge Advocate Officer Graduate Course, and the U.S. Army Military Judge Course. She holds a B.A. in Prelaw from Pensacola Christian College; a J.D. from Regent School of Law; and an L.L.M. in military law from The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School.

Colonel Smith is currently assigned as the 24th Chief Trial Judge of the U.S. Army. She previously served as the Deputy Chief Trial Judge, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Chief Circuit Judge, 1st Judicial Circuit, Fort Meade, Maryland; military judge, 4th Judicial Circuit, Korea; Staff Judge Advocate for United States Army Garrison Fort Meade; military judge, 1st Judicial Circuit, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Executive Officer Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, United States Army Forces Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Senior Defense Counsel, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Evidence Professor, Criminal Law Department, The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, Charlottesville, Virginia; Defense Appellate Attorney and later Branch Chief, Defense Appellate Division, Arlington, Virginia; Brigade Judge Advocate, 2BCT, 2nd Infantry, Ramadi, Iraq; Trial Counsel, Korea; Trial Defense Counsel, Bamberg, Germany; SAUSA, Federal Litigation, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and Legal Assistance Attorney, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Colonel Smith has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, and the Iraq Campaign Medal. She is also entitled to wear the Combat Action Badge.

Colonel Smith is married to Gregory Anton Smith. Greg is a director in the Department of Education in Washington, D.C. They have two daughters, Gabriella (age 11) and Tatiana (age 7).