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Commander Temple currently serves as the Director, Criminal Law Division (OJAG Code 20), in Washington, D.C. He was commissioned in April 2004 through the Judge Advocate General's Corps Student Program.

In 2005, Commander Temple began his active service at the Naval Legal Service Office Northwest, Bremerton, Washington where he served as a defense counsel. During this tour Commander Temple deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a liaison officer with the Central Criminal Court in Baghdad, Iraq. In 2007, Commander Temple transferred to Region Legal Service Office Northwest where he served as the Naval Base Kitsap Staff Judge Advocate, Command Services Department Head, and trial counsel.

Following his assignment to Region Legal Service Office Northwest, Commander Temple reported to the Naval Justice School, Newport, Rhode Island and served as the Evidence Division Officer and trial advocacy instructor from 2009 to 2012.

In 2012, Commander Temple was next assigned as the command judge advocate aboard USS George Washington, previously homeported in Yokosuka, Japan. In this assignment, he participated in two deployments throughout the 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet area of responsibility. In 2014, Commander Temple transferred to Defense Service Office West and assumed duties as both the assistant senior defense counsel and senior defense counsel. From 2017 to 2019, Commander Temple served as the Director, Defense Counsel Assistance Program in Washington, D.C. Following this assignment, Commander Temple joined the Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary in 2019 and served as a military judge in the Southwest Judicial Circuit until 2022.

Commander Temple attended Florida State University, earning Bachelor of Arts degrees in music and mass media communication in 1999. He earned a juris doctor and certificate in civil litigation at the University Of Pittsburgh School Of Law in 2004. He received a Master of Arts degree in national security and strategic studies from the United States Naval War College in 2012 and completed the joint professional military education program at the Naval War College that same year. Commander Temple is a member of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey bars and is admitted to practice in the United States District Court, Western Districts of Washington and Pennsylvania.

Commander Temple's military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), and various campaign and service awards. He has been designated as an "Expert" in the Navy's Military Justice Litigation Career Track.