

## **Lieutenant Colonel Caitlin Chiaramonte**

Caitlin Chiaramonte is a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army and an Academy Professor of Law in the Department of Law at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. Caitlin is from Poughkeepsie, New York, and graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes High School in 1998. She attended Fordham University on a full athletic scholarship as a Division I Women's Basketball Team member. She graduated in 2002 with a degree in International Economics and Politics. Caitlin earned a Master of Arts in International Political Economy and Development with a concentration in Global Business and Finance from Fordham University Graduate School in 2003. During the graduate program, she earned an advanced degree certificate in Emerging Markets and Country Risk Analysis. Caitlin then attended Fordham Law School and earned her Juris Doctorate in 2006.

Following law school, Caitlin played professional basketball from 2006 – 2008 in Germany and Finland. During the off-season, she worked as a litigation associate at a New York City law firm.

Caitlin joined the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps in 2008. Her first duty assignment was with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate of Fort Benning, Georgia. While at Fort Benning, she served as a legal assistance attorney, tax attorney, and prosecutor. Caitlin prosecuted complex felony cases, including multiple sexual assault cases. After graduating from Airborne School, she was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, deployed to Afghanistan (Operation ENDURING FREEDOM) for one year, and oversaw all complex investigations in Southern Afghanistan. Caitlin was assigned as the Brigade Judge Advocate for the 18th Fires Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division from 2012-2104 following deployment. She then served as a defense attorney, defending service members charged with misdemeanor and felony offenses (sexual assault, attempted homicide, and involuntary manslaughter) in Bavaria, Germany.

In 2017, Caitlin earned her Master of Law (LLM) from the Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, Virginia. She then served as a special

operations attorney until May 2019 in the United States Special Operations Command, advising on the law of war, rules of engagement, intelligence and cyber operations, lethal targeting, and detention operations. Additionally, she deployed twice in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE to Iraq and other Middle Eastern locations.

In 2019, Caitlin was selected for the United States Congressional Fellowship Program. As part of the program, she earned a master's degree in Legislative Affairs from The George Washington University School of Political Management. She served a year in the office of U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a Senate Committee on Armed Services member. She advised the Senator and critical staff on military justice, foreign affairs, and defense policy issues. Caitlin then served at the Pentagon as a legislative counsel in the US Army Office of the Chief Legislative Liaison, handling the military justice and national security law portfolios.

In 2022, Caitlin was selected as an Academy Professor at the United States Military Academy at West Point. She teaches Constitutional & Military Law, serves on several committees, is an academic advisor, Law and Legal Studies Program Director, internship director, and the Superintendent's representative to the Army Women's Basketball & Volleyball Teams.

#### Education

- B.A., Fordham University
- M.A., Fordham University Graduate School of Arts and Science
- M.P.S., The George Washington University
- J.D., Fordham University School of Law
- LL.M., The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School (Administrative Law Specialty)