

## **Major Ryan M. Farrell**

Major Ryan Farrell is one of two Area Defense Counsels in Washington State, serving all Washington Air National Guard installations across the state. He provides a broad range of defense services for National Guard personnel, including representation in military justice and administrative actions, providing lectures on military law, and offering an alternative legal perspective for leaders at all levels of the chain of command.



Maj Farrell graduated from The John Marshall Law school in Chicago, Illinois in 2015. During law school, he externed with both the Coast Guard and Navy JAG Corps. He received a direct commission as an Air Force judge advocate in December 2015 and entered active duty in January 2016. Prior to this assignment, Maj Farrell served on active duty as an assistant staff judge advocate with a focus on international law and military justice, and as an area defense counsel.

In his civilian practice, Maj Farrell is a Trial Attorney with the Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington & Idaho. In that role, he provides indigent federal criminal defendants with the right to counsel guaranteed by the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution. Maj Farrell is admitted to practice law before the Supreme Courts of Illinois, Idaho, and Washington, the United States District Courts of the Eastern District of Washington and the District of Idaho, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

### **EDUCATION**

- 2011 Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts, *summa cum laude*, Gannon University, Pa.
- 2015 Juris Doctor, *summa cum laude*, The John Marshall Law School, Ill.
- 2018 Squadron Officer School, *Distinguished Graduate*, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

## ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 2016 – July 2018, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate (Chief of Legal Assistance, Adverse Actions, and Military Justice), 374th Airlift Wing, Yokota AB, Japan
2. July 2018 – August 2018, student, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
3. August 2018 – August 2019, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate (Chief of International Law), 39th Air Base Wing, Incirlik AB, Turkey
4. August 2019 – July 2020, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate (Chief of Military Justice), 92d Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
5. July 2020 – October 2022, Area Defense Counsel, Trial Defense Division, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
6. November 2022 – present, Area Defense Counsel, Air National Guard Defense Services, Fairchild AFB, Wash.

## PUBLICATIONS

Ryan M. Farrell & Christopher J. Goewert, *Virtue Lies in Moderation: The Department of Defense's Overbroad DNA Criminal Indexing System*, 228 MIL. L. REV. 421 (2020).

## MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air & Space Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air & Space Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters

Air & Space Organizational Excellence Award

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon  
(Pistol)

## EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

First Lieutenant	10 January 2016
Captain	10 July 2016
Major	14 December 2021

(Current as of March 2024)