Martin T. Mitchell

Mr. Martin Mitchell is a member of the Senior Level/Senior Executive Service and is a Commissioner at United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. The United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces exercises worldwide appellate jurisdiction over members of the armed forces on active duty and other persons subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The Court is composed of five civilian judges appointed for 15-year terms by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Mr. Mitchell retired as a colonel in the United States Air Force after more than twenty-one years of service as a judge advocate. Mr. Mitchell began his active career as a judge advocate stationed at McChord Air Force Base, Washington, and afterward transitioned over to serve as the Area Defense Counsel. He next served as a Circuit Defense Counsel at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, and then was selected to attend Georgetown University where he earned his Masters of Laws degree, with distinction. Upon completion of his LL.M., Colonel Mitchell served in several specialized positions in Rosslyn, Virginia, including serving as a labor attorney, employment litigation attorney, and executive officer. From there Colonel Mitchell moved to be the Chief, Circuit Defense Counsel for the Central Circuit stationed at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. He then served as a Staff Judge Advocate at the 67th Network Warfare Wing at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and the 6th Air Mobility Wing at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, before becoming a military trial judge at McChord Field, Washington. After three years as a trial judge, Mr. Mitchell served three years as an Appellate Military Judge on the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals. In 2016, Mr. Mitchell was appointed by President Obama to serve as an appellate military judge on the U.S. Court of Military Commissions Review. In his final position on active duty, Mr. Mitchell served as the Director of Civil Law and Litigation, Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.

Mr. Mitchell obtained his Juris Doctorate and Master of Laws degrees from Georgetown University School of Law and his undergraduate degree from the University of Delaware.

Mr. Mitchell teaches Lawyer Bargaining as an adjunct associate professor of law with the Washington College of Law at American University. Mr. Mitchell has delivered numerous CLE presentations on legal ethics, appellate practice, military justice and constitutional law.

Updated: February 2022