

Military Justice Review Panel: The 2024 Comprehensive Review and Assessment of the Uniform Code of Military Justice

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A (fourth generation) Washington, D.C. native and a Gonzaga College High School graduate, Major General Ewers was commissioned a Marine second lieutenant in 1984 and certified as a judge advocate in 1986. His early career included service as a prosecutor and defense counsel. From 1996-99, he presided over more than 500 courts-martial as a military trial judge.

As a senior officer, Major General Ewers led the DOD's busiest military justice litigation office; served as SJA to 1st Marine Division (OIF I) and I Marine Expeditionary Force; and was a Circuit Military Judge. His non-legal service included command of a Recruit Training Battalion and leadership of a Provincial Reconstruction Team in Al Anbar, Iraq. He was also a Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Before being promoted to major general in 2014 and serving as the SJA to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, he was the Deputy SJA to CMC and the Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy for Military Justice.

In 2018, after 34 years of service, Major General Ewers retired from the Marine Corps. His military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, four Legions of Merit, the Bronze Star, four Meritorious Service Medals, the Combat Action Ribbon, and Purple Heart. Since retirement, Major General Ewers has taught trial advocacy at American University's Washington College of Law as an adjunct professor, served as the (pro bono) General Counsel of the Iwo Jima Association of America and provided pro bono services in immigration cases.

Major General Ewers received a B.A. in philosophy/political science from the University of Delaware, a J.D., cum laude, from Georgetown University Law Center,

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