



BIOGRAPHY



U.S. NAVY-MARINE CORPS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

MR. RODGER A. DREW, JR., CLERK OF COURT

Mr. Drew joined the Court in July 2018 as the Clerk of Court and Senior Legal Advisor. He retired from the Air Force after 33 years of commissioned service and 30 years of active duty on 31 December 2017, in the grade of Colonel.

At the time of his retirement, Mr. Drew was the Chief Judge, U.S. Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals. He had previously served as a military trial judge for six years over the course of three assignments. During that time, Mr. Drew authored the Electronic Benchbook used by judges and counsel throughout the Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security. His other senior assignments included Staff Judge Advocate of United States Southern Command, Air Force Special Operations Command, and the Air Force District of Washington.



Mr. Drew entered extended active duty as a judge advocate in December 1987. In addition to serving as a trial and appellate judge and staff judge advocate, he has served as a trial counsel, area defense counsel, circuit defense counsel, and civil litigation attorney.

Mr. Drew served as the Secretary General of the Military Legal Committee of the Americas (COJUMA) where he greatly expanded the work of the regional organization in professionalizing the role of legal advisors to militaries in Central and South America and in the Caribbean. He has worked extensively with senior foreign civilian and military lawyers, judges, and law professors in promoting the rule of law and democratic legal reform throughout Latin America and the Republic of Korea. He developed a model for military justice with civilian oversight and a comprehensive Judge Advocate Corps in the Colombia and briefed the model to the Colombian Minister of Defense. He has negotiated with senior foreign officials up to the ministerial level on various international law matters in the Republic of Korea, Colombia, and Senegal.

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