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Brigadier General Stuart W. Risch, a native of Orange/West Orange, NJ, currently serves as the Assistant Judge Advocate General for Military Law and Operations at Headquarters, Department of the Army in the Pentagon, Washington, DC. He was most recently assigned as the Commanding General/Commandant of The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in Charlottesville, VA.

Initially commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery in 1984, he served as a Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, and Company Commander while assigned to the 78th Infantry Division, U.S. Army Reserve, while attending law school. He entered active duty and the JAGC in 1988. His previous assignments include, among others, service as the Staff Judge Advocate (Senior Lawyer), III Armored Corps and Fort Hood, TX (with duty in Iraq with U.S. Forces-Iraq during Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and NEW DAWN); Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Fires Center of Excellence, Fort Sill, OK; Legislative Counsel in the Army's Office of Congressional Legislative Liaison (Pentagon); Staff Judge Advocate, 1st Infantry Division, Wuerzburg, Germany (with duty in Iraq during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM II); Director, Center for Law and Military Operations, The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center & School, Charlottesville, VA; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, TX; Litigation Attorney, U.S. Army Litigation Division, Arlington, VA (working with the Department of Justice in representing the Army before various federal courts); Instructor and Law Review Editor at The Judge Advocate General's School; and as the Chief, Military Justice, Senior Trial

Counsel (Senior Prosecutor) and Brigade Legal Advisor, 2d (Blackjack) Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX (with service in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Iraq during Operations DESERT SHIELD/STORM). He also practiced in the civil litigation arena in the private sector with the law firm of Dwyer, Connell, and Lisbona, in Montclair, NJ, prior to entering active duty.

BG Risch received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Law and History from Lafayette College, Easton, PA, in 1984, a Juris Doctor degree from the Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark, NJ, in 1987, a Master's degree in Law from The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, U.S. Army, Charlottesville, VA, in 1996, and a Master's degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA, in 2007.

BG Risch's military education includes the Judge Advocate Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the Command and General Staff Officer's Course, and the Army War College. He is a member of the Bar of the State of New Jersey, and is admitted to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court and numerous federal and military courts. His military awards include the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. BG Risch is married and he and his wife have three children.