



**The Judge Advocate General
U.S. Army
Lieutenant General
Joseph B. Berger III**



On 10 July 2024, Lieutenant General Joseph Berger assumed duties as our Army's 42nd Judge Advocate General, leading our Nation's oldest and most consequential practice of law. Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Military Police Corps after graduating from the U.S. Military Academy in 1992, he served as a Platoon Leader, company-level Executive Officer, Battalion Supply Officer, and Adjutant. In 1995, he was selected for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program, receiving his *Juris Doctor* from the George Mason University School of Law and transferring to the Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps in 1998.

As a Judge Advocate, he most recently served as the Deputy Judge Advocate General. His succession of legal assignments includes a variety of positions in the 1st Armored Division in Friedberg and Bad Kreuznach, Germany and as the Deputy Legal Advisor for Task Force Falcon in Kosovo. At Fort Bliss, Texas, he served as the chief prosecutor. Following receipt of his Master of Laws in International and Operational Law (LL.M.) (*Distinguished Graduate*) in 2004, he assumed duties as the Regimental Judge Advocate for the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne). Then, after graduating from the Army's Command and General Staff College, he returned to Iraq to serve on the Multi-National Force-Iraq's Law and Order Task Force as a judicial mentor to Iraqi prosecutors and judges. Next, from 2008 to 2011, he served as the Staff Judge Advocate for the Joint Special Operations Command. After graduating from the National War College as a Distinguished Graduate with a Master of Science in National Security Strategy, he worked in the JAG Corps' Personnel, Plans, and Training Office and then served as the Chief, Investigations and Legislative Division, Office of the Chief of

Legislative Liaison. Prior to his promotion to General Officer, he served as the senior legal advisor for the U.S. Army's Cyber Command. As a General Officer, he was the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Legal Services Agency while also serving as the Chief Judge, U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals, and then the Commanding General of the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School.

Lieutenant General Berger deployed to Somalia, Kosovo, and numerous times each to Iraq and Afghanistan. He has published in legal and non-legal journals, books, and other media, including selection as the 2012 winner of the Secretary of Defense's National Security Essay Competition.

Lieutenant General Berger and his wife Brenna—a Boston native and career civil servant—have two adult children. You can occasionally find Joe on the Potomac, sailing either *Irish Exit* or his Laser, or kayaking with Brenna. If not there, he's probably photographing local birds.