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Brigadier General Jackie L. Thompson, Jr., United States Army, is the Chief Defense Counsel, Military Commissions Defense Organization. Prior to assuming his current duty, he has served as the Chief of the United States Army Trial Defense Service, Staff Judge Advocate for Fort Benning, Georgia; the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for US Army Europe, Wiesbaden, FRG; the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for US Army Central Command, Shaw AFB, SC; the Southeast Regional Defense Counsel, Fort Bragg, NC; the Officer in Charge of Operational Law, Mission Command Training Program, Fort Leavenworth, KS; and as a Brigade Judge Advocate, Fort Carson, CO.

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