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Brigadier General Rich Gross is the current Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon, Washington, DC. A native of Knoxville, Tennessee, Brigadier General Gross attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, graduating in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. He was commissioned in the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant in the Infantry.

His first assignment was at the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC, where he served in a variety of leadership and staff positions, including a six-month tour with the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) mission in the Sinai. While at Fort Bragg, he was accepted into the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. In 1993, he graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA, with a *Juris Doctor* degree and entered the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps.

As a judge advocate, Brigadier General Gross has served in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, KY, as a civil/administrative law attorney and Chief of Military Justice; at the U.S. Army Litigation Division in Arlington, VA, as a litigation attorney; at the 1st Special Operational Detachment-Delta (Airborne), Fort Bragg, as the Detachment Judge Advocate; in V Corps, Heidelberg, Germany, as the Deputy SJA; at the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), Fort Bragg, as the SJA; in Kabul, Afghanistan, as the Chief Legal Advisor for the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and SJA for U.S. Forces-Afghanistan (USFOR-A); and, most recently, the SJA for U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) at MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida.

Brigadier General Gross has multiple combat deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2009, he graduated from the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA, with a Masters in Strategic Studies. His decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal; the Legion of Merit; the Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters; the Defense

Meritorious Service Medal; the Army Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; and the Non Article 5 NATO Medal. He is authorized to wear the U.S. Army Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Expert Infantryman Badge.

Brigadier General Gross is married and has three sons.