



General Counsel (Acting) National Guard Bureau

Major General Bobby L. Christine



Major General Bobby Christine serves as the Acting General Counsel of the National Guard Bureau. In this role he is the principal legal advisor to the Chief, National Guard Bureau; Vice Chief, National Guard Bureau; and the Directors of the Army and Air National Guard on issues relative to the 436,000+ National Guard members. He also serves as their representative to officials throughout the Executive and Legislative branches of the Federal government including the Department of Defense, Department of the Army, Department of the Air Force, and the Judge Advocates General. Immediately preceding his current duties, MG Christine served as the Special Assistant to the Director of the Army National Guard for the Department of the Army, Office of The Judge Advocate General. In this role he advised on and coordinated TJAG initiatives relative to the Army National Guard Title 32 judge advocate community. He is a graduate of Samford University, Cumberland School of Law, the University of Georgia, and Georgia Military College. He holds a Master's in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College, and is a National Security Fellow of the Maxwell School at Syracuse University as well as a graduate of Harvard University's Homeland Security Executive Seminar.

MG Christine's previous service includes assignments as Special Assistant to the General Counsel – NGB, and State Judge Advocate (SJA) – Georgia National Guard. Other military assignments included: Command Judge Advocate – 78th Homeland Response Force; SJA – 78th Troop Command; Judge Advocate – 265th Engineer Group; Trial Counsel – 265th Engineer Group (Iraq); Deputy SJA – Joint Force Headquarters, Georgia National Guard; Operations/Executive Officer, HSC, 878th Engineer Battalion (EN BN); Maintenance Platoon Leader, HSC, 878th EN BN; Platoon Leader, HSC, 878th EN BN. MG Christine served as a Trial Counsel in Iraq, prosecuting amongst the war's first courts-martial, and performing duty as a Combat Engineer. He has performed service in the Republic of Georgia, and with U.S. Army Africa. Among Bobby's military awards are the

Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, and Parachutist Badge. He was previously selected Army Career Judge Advocate of the Year (National Guard).

In civilian life Bobby is the elected District Attorney of Georgia's Columbia Judicial Circuit. He is one of only a few prosecutors in modern Georgia to win a conviction for murder where the body of the victim has never been located. From 2005 to 2017 he sat as Judge of Magistrate Court for Columbia County, serving as Chief Magistrate from 2009-2013. During this period Bobby maintained a private practice of law concentrating in litigation.

From 2017 to 2021 Bobby served as United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. As chief federal law enforcement officer for the Southern District -43 counties in East and South Georgia- he was responsible for leading an office at the forefront of criminal law enforcement, including terrorist financing, espionage, white collar and cybercrime, firearms, narcotics trafficking, public corruption, human trafficking, immigration offenses and civil rights. The office litigated also complex civil cases, including large affirmative civil frauds in health care and defense procurement, and appeared regularly before the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. In 2021 Bobby became the only United States Attorney to lead two federal districts simultaneously, when appointed the additional duty of Acting United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia.

Bobby's military education includes also Command and General Staff College (ILE); Judge Advocate Officer Advanced Course; Judge Advocate Officer Basic Course; Engineer Officer Basic Course; Maintenance Officers Course. He has attended more than a dozen other courses and schools, covering topics including Cyber Operations, Cyber and Space Law, the Law of Armed Conflict, Military Justice, Contracting, and Construction.

MG Christine and his wife Sheri, an elementary school teacher, have two daughters and one son. The Christine family resides in Columbia County Georgia where Bobby serves as the elected District Attorney. The Christine family attends St. Teresa Catholic Church.