

# Jaelyn Coutts Grieser

## Education

**The Judge Advocate Legal Center & School**, *Charlottesville, VA*. Master of Laws (Criminal law Specialty), May 2014.

**Temple University, Beasley School of Law**, *Philadelphia, PA*. Juris Doctorate, May 2004.

**Swarthmore College**, *Swarthmore PA*. Bachelor of Arts (Political Science and German majors), June 1999.

## Professional Experience

**Chief Prosecutor**, *U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corp – Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri (July 2016-July 2017)*

Lead and supervised Fort Leonard Wood's Criminal Law Division—a team of six prosecutors and 23 paralegals, responsible for all criminal prosecutions and adverse administrative actions for an area consisting of 14,000 permanent and 90,000 transient party population. Elevated the Division to one with an outstanding reputation for swift justice, impeccable ethical conduct, and exceptional courtroom performance. Streamlined processes that reduced courts-martial processing time by over 60 days. Oversaw all courtroom security, witness travel, expert procurement, public affairs and courtroom logistics for 25 courts-martial, including a high profile sexual assault case requiring 57 witnesses. Established and implemented a world-class training program for trial counsel, paralegals and local law enforcement and utilized assets from the U.S. Army Military Police School Forensic Science Division and Behavioral Analyst Unit.

**Special Victim Prosecutor**, *U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corp – 3rd Infantry Division and Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield/Fort Gordon, Georgia & Fort Jackson, South Carolina. (September 2010-August 2013)*

Responsible for the development and prosecution of all special victim cases, including adult and child sexual assault, and felony level domestic violence, for an area consisting of 44,000 permanent and an additional 60,000 annual transient party population. Trained, mentored and assisted 19 trial counsel and 67 paralegals on the proper handling of all special victim cases within ensuring quality prosecutions and appropriate victim treatment. Advised on 125 courts-martial and served at counsel table in over 80 contested trials, achieving a conviction rate of approximately 85%. Of these cases, one included a capital litigation murder trial with complex mental health issues that required 69 trial days from panel selection to announcement of sentence. Advised in the investigation of more than 300 allegations of sexual assault/domestic violence, working directly with Established Fort Stewart's first multi-disciplinary Installation Sexual Assault Response Team and served as an appointed member of the Georgia Atlantic Judicial Circuit Multidisciplinary Team dedicated to responding to allegations of child abuse.

**Supervisory Defense Counsel**, *U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corp, Trial Defense Service – Camp Liberty and Joint Base Balad, Iraq (September 2009-September 2010)*

Responsible for supporting 35,000 Soldiers assigned to United States Forces—Iraq and United States Division—Center at all stages of General, Special and Summary courts-martial, plea negotiations, pre-trial confinement reviews, preliminary hearings, non-judicial punishment, and administrative elimination boards. Traveled throughout Iraq and advised on over 45 courts-martial and personally represented 15 Soldiers at contested trials, resulting in acquittals of all major charges and zero confinement time. Further represented over 550 Soldiers at all states of alternative disposition judicial and non-judicial proceedings. Improved management systems and developed an office standard operating procedure that quickly became the model throughout the Defense Services in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan.

**Defense Counsel**, *U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corp, Trial Defense Service – United States Army Military Academy, West Point and Fort Drum, New York/ Wiesbaden and Hanau Germany (May 2007-September 2009)*

Served as Defense Counsel and Officer in Charge of the U.S. Military Academy Branch Office, U.S. Army Trial Defense Service and defense counsel for Wiesbaden and Hanau, Germany. Defended Soldiers and cadets assigned to West Point, along with Soldier assigned to Fort Drum, New York, and all Soldiers throughout the New England Area, as well as, Hanau and Wiesbaden Germany. Provided zealous representation to 35 Soldiers facing contested courts-martial and notably obtained an acquittal of all sex assault charges for a West Point football player accused of sexual assault of two fellow cadets.

**Prosecutor**, U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corp — V Corps, Heidelberg, Germany (February 2006- February 2007)

Served as prosecutor for the Heidelberg Military Community, composed of approximately 22,000 personnel. Directly responsible for advising 6 Special Courts-Martial Convening Authorities, as well as 8 Summary Courts-Martial Convening Authorities and over 30 Company Commanders, regarding courts-martial, non-judicial punishment actions, administrative separation actions, and ongoing criminal investigations by CID and MPI. Also processed General Officer memoranda of reprimand, and provided training to leaders, Soldiers, and civilians in areas of command authority and military justice, with training in operational areas as necessary. Successfully acted on nine courts-martial cases, including a fiercely contested sexual assault case that resulted in confinement and a punitive discharge for the Soldier.

### **Selected Speaking Engagements**

**Speaker**, U.S. Army Military Police School, Domestic Violence Intervention Training, "Legal Aspects and Considerations in Domestic Violence Investigations." *Fort Leonard Wood, MO (January 2017)*

**Speaker**, U.S. Army Military Police School, Child Abuse Prevention Investigative Techniques, "Legal Considerations in Child Abuse Investigations." *Fort Leonard Wood, MO (January 2016)*

**Speaker**, U.S. Army Military Police School, Special Victim Unit Course, "Legal Considerations in Sexual Assault Investigations." *Fort Leonard Wood, MO (November 2015)*

**Invited Speaker**, Protecting Delaware's Children Conference, "Illustrating Complex Medical Testimony in Serious Physical Abuse and Child Homicide Cases." *Dover, DE (March 2015)*

**Speaker**, Fourteenth International Conference on Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma, "Illustrating Complex Medical Testimony in Serious Physical Abuse and Child Homicide Cases." *Denver, CO (September 2014)*

**Invited Speaker**, First Annual Special Victim Prosecutor NCOIC Conference, "SVPNCOIC, Tactics, Tools and Lessons Learned." Washington D.C. (December 2014).

**Panel Participant**, Response Systems to Adult Sexual Assault Crimes Panel, "Military Sexual Assault Prosecutions." *Washington, D.C. (August 2013)*

**Panel Participant**, The Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, "Military Sexual Assault Prosecutions." *Washington, D.C. (May 2013)*

**Invited Speaker**, Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia, 2013 Medical Provider Summit, "The Courts-martial Process and Working with the Military." *Macon, Georgia (February 2013)*

**Invited Speaker**, The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, "Military Use of Multi-disciplinary Teams." *Charlottesville, Virginia (January 2013)*

### **Professional Affiliations**

#### **Bar Memberships**

Pennsylvania Supreme Court (2004)  
Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (2014)  
United States Supreme Court (2014)

#### **Professional Associations**

Federal Bar Association	Member
American Bar Association	Member
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers	Member
Judge Advocate Association	Member

#### **Other**

Clearance: TS-SCI  
Expert Military Justice Practitioner