

Captain (CAPT) Donald King, JAGC, U.S. Navy

On October 20, 2014, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel appointed CAPT Donald King, JAGC, U.S. Navy, to the U.S. Court of Military Commission Review (USCMCR). He was sworn as a USCMCR military appellate judge on October 28, 2014.

CAPT King born in Washington State in 1966 and grew up in Oregon. In 1985, CAPT King enlisted as an infantryman in the Marine Corps, serving as a Marine Security Guard at U.S. Embassies in El Salvador, Suriname, and West Germany. After five years in the Marine Corps, CAPT King studied at the University of Oregon, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and with Honors in 1993.

In December 1995, CAPT King earned his law degree from the University of Oregon. While attending law school, CAPT King worked for the local District Attorney's office, the U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon, and the Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon.

Upon graduating from Naval Justice School in 1996, CAPT King reported to the Navy Legal Service Office (NLSO) in Guam, where he served as both Trial and Defense Counsel. He next reported as Branch Head, NLSO Northwest, Branch Office, Whidbey Island, Washington. In 1999, CAPT King assumed duties as the Branch Head for the Trial Service Office West's Branch Office in Whidbey Island until 2001, when he returned to Guam to serve as the Staff Judge Advocate for Submarine Squadron 15 and as Command Judge Advocate to USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40). In July of 2003, CAPT King reported to NLSO Europe and Southwest Asia, Detachment Rota as the Officer in Charge. After a tour in Afghanistan where he served as the Staff Judge Advocate for the Office of Security Cooperation, CAPT King transferred to San Diego where he served as Staff Judge Advocate for Commander, Carrier Strike Group 7. In 2008, CAPT King reported to Region Legal Service Office Southwest, where he served as Staff Judge Advocate to Commander, Navy Region Southwest. In August 2010, CAPT King reported to NAS Pensacola as the Military Judge and in July 2012 assumed duties as Director, Defense Counsel Assistance Program. CAPT King reported to the Navy Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals in June 2014, where, in addition to his current assignment, CAPT King also serves as an appellate military judge on the USCMCR.

CAPT King is certified as an Expert in the Navy's Military Justice Litigation Track and is P-coded in both 1202R (Military Justice) and 1203S (International Law). His personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (5), Navy Commendation Medal (3), Navy Achievement Medal (2), Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal (3), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (6), Overseas Service Ribbon (9), and Rifle and Pistol Expert Ribbons.