

## **Colonel Joseph Perlak, U.S. Marine Corps**

Colonel Perlak was sworn in as an Appellate Judge on the U.S. Court of Military Commission Review on November 30, 2010. He is the Chief Judge of the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals, where he has served since June 2009. Prior to this assignment he served as the Chief of Operational Law for the United States European Command, Stuttgart, Germany. His previous assignments include service as deputy staff judge advocate, military prosecutor, Special Assistant United States Attorney, senior defense counsel, Special Assistant to Counsel for the Commandant of the Marine Corps, United Nations Military Observer, program acquisition and contingency contracting attorney, War Plans Officer, and Deputy Director of the Navy-Marine Corps Appellate Defense Division. Colonel Perlak is a native of Massachusetts and graduate of the College of the Holy Cross. He received his Juris Doctorate degree from Western New England College School of Law and holds a Master of Laws degree from the Army's Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, Virginia.