

Chief Judge Paulette V. Burton

Lieutenant Colonel Paulette V. Burton Judge assumed her current duties as an Associate Judge with the United States Army Court of Criminal Appeals in July 2015. On September 10, 2015, Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter appointed Judge Burton to the United States Court of Military Commission Review (USCMCR), and on September 23, 2015, she was sworn as a USCMCR appellate judge. On March 16, 2016, President Obama nominated Judge Burton to the USCMCR, and on April 28, 2016, the Senate confirmed her to be a judge of the USCMCR. On May 25, 2016, President Obama signed her commission appointing her to be “an Appellate Military Judge of the United States Court of Military Commission Review.” On May 25, 2017, Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis appointed Judge Burton to be the Chief Judge of the USCMCR

Judge Burton’s prior assignments include: Staff Judge Advocate, United States Army Criminal Investigation Command; Associate Judge, Army Criminal Court of Appeals; Chief, United States Army Judge Advocate Recruiting Office; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Aviation and Warfighting Center; Senior Defense Counsel, National Capital Region; Chief of Claims, 25th Infantry Division; Chief of Legal Assistance, 25th Infantry Division; Trial Defense Counsel, Yongsan, Korea; Trial Counsel, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Chief of Claims, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Legal Assistance Attorney, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Lieutenant Colonel Burton is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, the United States Army Court of Criminal Appeals, the United States Bankruptcy Court of South Carolina, and the South Carolina Supreme Court. She is a graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College Intermediate Level Education—Common Core (2006), the Judge Advocate Officer Graduate Course (LL.M., 2004), the Combined Arms and Service Staff College (2000), and the Judge Advocate Officer Basic Course (1994). Her civilian education includes South Carolina School of Law (JD, 1993) and Spelman College (BA, 1990), where she was a Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Distinguished Military Graduate.

Lieutenant Colonel Burton's awards include: Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal (with Service Star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 2). She is also authorized to wear the Army Staff Identification Badge.