

Professor Scott Silliman, Duke Law School

Scott L. Silliman was sworn in as an appellate judge on the U.S. Court of Military Commission Review on September 12, 2012. After teaching at Duke Law School for 21 years, he is now a Professor Emeritus of the Practice of Law at Duke. Besides teaching at the law school, he served as Executive Director of Duke's Center on Law, Ethics and National Security from its inception in 1993 until July of 2011, and now serves as its Director Emeritus. Professor Silliman participated in a four-year Air Force ROTC program during his undergraduate days at the University of North Carolina and was called to active duty as an Air Force judge advocate in November of 1968. During his military career, he held a variety of leadership positions, including staff judge advocate at two large installations and three major Air Force commands. On August 31, 1993, after nearly 25 years of service, he retired from the Air Force in the grade of colonel to assume his position on the faculty at Duke. Professor Silliman's areas of expertise include national security law, military law, and the law of armed conflict. He continues to be widely sought throughout the country as a guest lecturer on these areas of the law, and is a frequent commentator on CNN, National Public Radio, and other national radio and television news programs. He received his B.A. in Philosophy in 1965 and his J.D. in 1968 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.