

BIOGRAPHY
UNITED STATES ARMY

COLONEL CHARLES L. PRITCHARD, JR.

Colonel Charles L. Pritchard, Jr. is currently the Chief Circuit Judge for the Army's Fifth Judicial Circuit. Colonel Pritchard is a member of the Georgia State Bar and is licensed to practice in all courts in the State of Georgia, the Army Court of Criminal Appeals, the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Born in 1973, Colonel Pritchard graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt, MD, in 1990. In 1994, Colonel Pritchard graduated from Mercer University, Macon, GA, with a Bachelor of Arts degree and was commissioned from the Army R.O.T.C. as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Colonel Pritchard then attended law school on an educational delay from the Army at the Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law, Macon, GA, and earned his juris doctor degree in 1997. Colonel Pritchard entered active duty in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Army, in January 1998.

EDUCATION

- 1994 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia
- 1997 Juris Doctor, Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law, Macon, Georgia
- 2007 Master of Laws in Military Law, The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, Charlottesville, Virginia
- 2018 Master of Science in National Security Strategy, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

ARMY ASSIGNMENTS

1. 1998-2000: Administrative and Operational Law Attorney & Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, Legal Assistance Attorney, Fort Wainwright, AK
2. 2000-2001: Defense Counsel, Trial Defense Service, Fort Wainwright, AK Field Office
3. 2001-2004: Senior Trial Counsel and Brigade Judge Advocate, 3d Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia and Baghdad, Iraq
4. 2004-2006: Appellate Defense Counsel, Defense Appellate Division, U.S. Army Legal Services Agency, Ballston, Virginia
5. 2006-2007: Student, Graduate Course, The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, Charlottesville, VA
6. 2007-2009: Chief, Administrative and Civil Law & Chief, International and Operational Law, 1st Armored Division, Wiesbaden, Germany and Multi-National Division-North, COB Speicher, Iraq
7. 2009-2010: Student, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS
8. 2010-2012: Senior Legal Advisor and Instructor, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS
9. 2012-2014: Deputy Staff Judge Advocate and Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, NC
10. 2014-2017: Circuit Judge, 3d Judicial Circuit, U.S. Army Trial Judiciary, Fort Riley, KS
11. 2017-2018: Student, National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.
12. 2018-2021: Chief Circuit Judge, 2d Judicial Circuit, U.S. Army Trial Judiciary, Fort Bragg, NC
13. 2021-2024: Chief Circuit Judge, 5th (8th as of 15 July 2023) Judicial Circuit, U.S. Army Trial Judiciary, Kaiserslautern, Germany

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star with 1 oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters
Army Commendation Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters
Parachutist Badge
Air Assault Badge

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

First Lieutenant	19 July 1996
Captain	1 October 1998
Major	15 September 2005
Lieutenant Colonel	1 December 2010
Colonel	1 February 2017