

BIOGRAPHY
UNITED STATES ARMY
COLONEL MATTHEW S. FITZGERALD

Colonel Matthew Fitzgerald is currently the Chief Circuit Judge of the Seventh Circuit (Korea, Hawaii, Japan). Colonel Fitzgerald is a member of the Oregon State Bar and is licensed to practice in all state and federal courts in the State of Oregon.

Born in 1968, Colonel Fitzgerald initially enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1986. Colonel Fitzgerald graduated from Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville in 1995 while also serving in the U.S. Air Force Reserves. Colonel Fitzgerald later attended law school at Willamette University College of Law in Salem, Oregon and following his graduation in 2002 was commissioned as an Army Judge Advocate.

EDUCATION

1990 Associates in General Studies, Central Texas College, Killeen, Texas

1995 Bachelor of Science in Education, Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville

2002 Juris Doctorate, Willamette University College of Law, Salem, Oregon

2011 Master of Laws in Military Law, The Judge Advocate General's School, Charlottesville, Virginia

ARMY ASSIGNMENTS

1. May 2003 – February 2004, Legal Assistance, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, Mannheim, Germany
2. February 2004 – June 2004, Administrative Law Attorney, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, Mannheim, Germany
3. June 2004 – June 2005, Trial Counsel, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, Mannheim, Germany
4. July 2005- November 2005, Defense Counsel, US Army Trial Defense Services, Fort Hood, Texas
5. December 2005 – September 2006, Defense Counsel, US Army Trial Defense Services, Iraq
6. October 2006 – June 2008, Defense Counsel, US Army Trial Defense Services, Fort Hood, Texas
7. July 2008 – June 2010, Chief, Military Justice, U.S. Army South, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
8. June 2010 – June 2011, Student, Graduate Course, The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, Charlottesville, Virginia
9. June 2011 – June 2013, Plans Officer, Personnel Plans & Training Office, Pentagon, Washington D.C.

10. June 2013 – July 2014, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 4th Infantry Division (Forward), Kandahar, Afghanistan
11. July 2014 – June 2016, Chief, Military Justice, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado
12. July 2016 – June 2018, Chief, Administrative Law, III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas
13. July 2018 – June 2020, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, US Army North, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas
14. July 2020 – July 2023, Circuit Trial Judge, 4th Circuit, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington
15. July 2023 – Present, Chief Circuit Judge, 7th Circuit, Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star (2)

Meritorious Service Medal (6)

Army Commendation Medal (3)

Army Achievement Medal (1)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

First Lieutenant	28 June 2001
Captain	15 May 2003
Major	4 June 2010
Lieutenant Colonel	4 January 2017
Colonel	15 February 2022