

BIOGRAPHY
UNITED STATES ARMY
COLONEL LANNY J. ACOSTA, JR.

Colonel Lanny Acosta, Jr. is currently a Circuit Judge for the Army's Third Judicial Circuit. Colonel Acosta is a member of the Mississippi State Bar and is licensed to practice in all state and federal courts in the State of Mississippi.

Born in 1973, Colonel Acosta graduated from Mississippi State University in 1995. Colonel Acosta then attended law school at the University of Mississippi and following his graduation in 1998 was commissioned as a Judge Advocate.

EDUCATION

1995 Bachelor of Science in Political Science, Mississippi State University

1998 Juris Doctorate, University of Mississippi

2007 Master of Laws in Military Law, The Judge Advocate General's School, Charlottesville, Virginia

ARMY ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1999 – November 1999, Legal Assistance, Fort Huachuca, AZ
2. November 1999 – July 2001, Trial Counsel, 86th Signal Brigade, Fort Huachuca, AZ
3. July 2001 – June 2002, Trial Counsel, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY
4. June 2002 – June 2003, Chief, Criminal Law and Special Actions, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY
5. June 2003 – June 2004, Chief, Claims Division, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY
6. June 2004 – June 2006, Brigade Judge Advocate, Third Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, GA
7. June 2006 – June 2007, Student, Graduate Course, The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, Charlottesville, VA
8. June 2007 – May 2008, Litigation Attorney, Litigation Division, Arlington, VA
9. May 2008 – June 2009, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, Civil Division, U.S. Attorney's Office for D.C.
10. July 2009 – June 2010, Student, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS
11. June 2010 – June 2012, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, NC
12. July 2012 – May 2014, Chief, Criminal Law Division, I Corps, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA
13. June 2014 – June 2015, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Security Cooperation – Iraq, U.S. Embassy, Baghdad
14. July 2015 – July 2016, Military Judge, Fort Carson, CO

15. July 2016 – June 2019, Military Judge, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA

16. July 2019 – Present Military Judge, Fort Hood, Texas

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

First Lieutenant 5 May 1992

Captain 1 May 1999

Major 1 May 2006

Lieutenant Colonel 1 April 2011

Colonel 1 April 2017