



Mike Ritter

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Education

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL (1978)

Bachelor of Arts

Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, FL (1981)

Background

Captain Ritter was commissioned in the JAG Corps in 1981. Following completion of Officer Indoctrination School and Naval Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island in May 1982, Captain Ritter reported to the Naval Legal Service Office, Norfolk, Virginia, where he served as defense counsel and command services attorney. From 1985 to 1987, he served as Command Judge Advocate for U.S.S. EMORY S. LAND (AS 39), with additional duty as Staff Judge Advocate for Commander, Submarine Squadron EIGHT. In March 1987, Captain Ritter was assigned as Assistant Force Judge Advocate, Commander Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. In July 1988, he began a three year tour of duty as Group Judge Advocate for Commander, Naval Special Warfare Group TWO, Norfolk, Virginia. From 1991 to 1994, Captain Ritter served as a department head for the claims and trial departments at Naval Legal Service Office, San Francisco, California.

During the 1994-1995 academic year, Captain Ritter attended the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, and was awarded a Masters degree in National Security Studies (with honors).

In July 1995, Captain Ritter was assigned to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, International and Operational Law Division, where he serves as Head, International Law Department. In July 1997, he served in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs) as Assistant to the Director of Foreign Military Rights Affairs. In May 1999, Captain Ritter began his assignment at the Office of the Judge Advocate General, as the Director of the General Litigation Division, a position he held until April 2002. From May 2002 until June 2008, he served as Appellate Judge, Senior Judge, and Chief Judge of the Navy/Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals. Since retiring from the Navy in 2008, he now serves as a United States Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration.

Captain Ritter is authorized to wear the Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (second award), the Navy Commendation Medal (second award), the Navy Achievement Medal (second award), the National Defense Medal, and the Naval Parachutist Insignia.

Personal Information

Captain Ritter is married to the former Angela Turner of Chesapeake, Virginia. They have a son, Joshua, and a daughter, Noel.

