



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL GAIL E. CRAWFORD

Colonel Gail Crawford is the Director of Professional Development. As the JAG Corps Functional Manager and Career Field Manager, she is responsible for human capital policies, standards, and processes involving JAG Corps force management, manpower and organization, deployment taskings, officer assignments, and officer recruiting and accessions. She is also responsible for financial incentives, legal and developmental education, and the JAG Corps professional responsibility program.

Colonel Crawford received a direct commission as an Air Force judge advocate in January 1997, after serving eight years active duty enlisted. She has deployed in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. Colonel Crawford is admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of Florida, the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the United States Supreme Court. She is married to Lieutenant Colonel Brian J. Freiburger.



EDUCATION

- 1993 Bachelor of Science In Criminology, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- 1996 Juris Doctor, Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, FL
- 2002 Squadron Officer School (Correspondence)
- 2005 Masters of Laws, Labor and Employment law, George Washington University Law School, Washington, District of Columbia
- 2007 Air Command and Staff College (Correspondence)
- 2011 Air War College (Correspondence)
- 2014 Air War College, in-residence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1997-July 1998, Chief, Claims Division, 45th Space Wing, Patrick AFB, FL
2. July 1998-July 1999, Chief, Military Justice Division, 45th Space Wing, Patrick AFB, FL
3. July 1999-August 2000, Chief, Management and Analysis, Air Force Legal Services Agency (AFLSA), General Claims Division, Bolling AFB, D.C.
4. August 2000-July 2002, Area Defense Counsel, Bolling AFB, DC
5. July 2002-July 2004, Executive Officer to the Staff Judge Advocate, Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA
6. August 2004-August 2005, Student, AFIT, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC
7. August 2005-January 2007, Trial Attorney, Deputy Chief, Central Labor Law Office, General Litigation Division, Civil Law Directorate, AFLSA, Arlington, VA
8. (January 2007-May 2007, Staff Judge Advocate, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, UAE)

9. May 2007- April 2008, Deputy Chief, Employment Discrimination Branch, Labor Law Field Support Center, General Litigation Division, Civil Law Directorate, Air Force Legal Operations Agency (AFLOA), Arlington, VA
10. April 2008-June 2009, Legal Spokesperson, Office of Military Commissions, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Arlington, VA
11. June 2009-June 2010, Executive Officer to the Commander, AFLOA, Bolling AFB DC
12. June 2010-July 2011, Deputy Chief, Appellate Defense Division, AFLOA, Joint Base Andrews Naval Air Facility, MD
13. July 2011-June 2013, Staff Judge Advocate, 15th Wing, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI
14. July 2013-June 2014, Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL
15. July 2014-July 2016, Staff Judge Advocate, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, Kirtland AFB NM
16. July 2016-April 2018, Senior Military Assistant and Special Counsel to the Air Force General Counsel, Pentagon, Washington, DC
17. April 2018-Present, Director, Professional Development, Office of The Judge Advocate General, Headquarters, United States Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, DC

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters
 Joint Service Commendation Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal
 Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters
 1998 AF Space Command Company Grade Officer of the Year
 2006 AFLOA Field Grade Officer of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

First Lieutenant	6 January 1997
Captain	6 July 1997
Major	1 November 2003
Lieutenant Colonel	1 December 2009
Colonel	1 June 2015

(Current as of April 2018)