

Curriculum Vitae
SCOTT L. SILLIMAN

PRESENT POSITION

Professor of the Practice of Law at Duke University School of Law, and
Director Emeritus of the Law School's Center on Law, Ethics and National Security
Adjunct Associate Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Appellate Judge, United States Court of Military Commission Review (nominated by President
Obama on November 10, 2011; and confirmed by the United States Senate on June 21, 2012)

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EDUCATION

1965 Bachelor of Arts degree, University of North Carolina
1968 Juris Doctor degree, University of North Carolina

GOVERNMENT SERVICE PRIOR TO COMING TO DUKE

Commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force after completion of the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at UNC in 1965. He received an educational delay from active duty and spent three more years at the University of North Carolina studying law. For the following 25 years, he served in various positions of leadership at different levels of management within the Air Force Judge Advocate General's Department:

- November 1968 - November 1969, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters First Air Force, Stewart Air Force Base, New York;
- November 1969 - December 1970, Assistant Chief of Military Justice, Headquarters Second Air Force, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana;
- January 1971 - June 1975, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate and then Staff Judge Advocate*, Royal Air Force Station Chicksands, Bedfordshire, England;
- June 1975 - June 1978, Faculty Instructor and Chief of the Military Justice Division, Air Force Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama;
- June 1978 - June 1981, Assistant Executive to The Air Force Judge Advocate General, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.;
- June 1981 - June 1984, Staff Judge Advocate*, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska;
- June 1984 - October 1986, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force, March Air Force Base, California;

- November 1986 - August 1988, Staff Judge Advocate*, First Air Force, and Director of General Law, Headquarters, Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia;
- August 1988 - June 1990, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia;
- June 1990 - May 1992, Staff Judge Advocate*, Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia;
- 1992 - 1993, Staff Judge Advocate*, Headquarters Air Combat Command (then, the largest organizational command within the United States Air Force), Langley Air Force Base, Virginia;
- August 31, 1993 - Retired in the grade of colonel after serving for 25 years as an Air Force judge advocate prior to taking his position on September 1, 1993 as the LENS Executive Director and a Senior Lecturing Fellow at Duke University School of Law

* Note: The position of “Staff Judge Advocate” is the senior attorney in any Air Force organization.

MAJOR SERVICE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

- Legion of Merit
- Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
- Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

OTHER UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENTS WHILE IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE

- Selected as the winner of the 1977 Albert M. Kuhfeld Award for being the Outstanding Judge Advocate in the United States Air Force for that year;
- Served as the Commander of the 5072 Air Base Squadron and Installation Commander, Galena Air Force Base, Alaska, for a two month period in 1982, making him one of only a few military attorneys ever to hold a command position while in the Judge Advocate General’s Department.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION AS AN AIR FORCE OFFICER

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Second Lieutenant (USAFR) | Jun 6, 1965 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Lieutenant (USAFR) | Jun 7, 1968 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Captain | Nov 15, 1968 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Major | Oct 1, 1976 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lieutenant Colonel | Mar 1, 1981 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colonel | Apr 1, 1986 |

PUBLICATIONS

- ❑ *The Supreme Court and its Impact upon the United States Court of Military Appeals*, 18 A.F.L. REV. 81 (1976).
- ❑ *JAG Goes to War: The Desert Shield Deployment*, 37 A.F.L. REV. 85 (1994).
- ❑ *Forums for Punishing Offenses Against the Law of Nations*, 29 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 509 (1994)(with Robinson O. Everett).
- ❑ *Foreword: The Enforcement of Humanitarian Law*, 6 DUKE J. COMP. & INT'L L. 1 (1995).
- ❑ *Adultery and the Military: a Reply to General Creighton*, 19 NAT'L SEC. L. REP., Summer 1997, at 3.
- ❑ *Foreword: Contemporary Issues in Controlling Weapons of Mass Destruction*, 8. DUKE J. COMP. & INT'L L. 1 (1997).
- ❑ *The Iraqi Quagmire: Enforcing the No-Fly Zones*, 36 NEW ENG. L. REV. 767 (2002).
- ❑ *Detaining Terrorists at Guantanamo Bay: Questions of Law and Policy*, 25 NAT'L SEC. L. REP.1 (2003).
- ❑ *Troubling Questions in Interrogating Terrorists*, 90 DUKE MAG., September-October 2004, available at <http://dukemagazine.duke.edu/dukemag/issues/091004/depGAR.html>.
- ❑ *On Military Commissions*, 36 CASE W. RES. J. INT'L L. 529 (2004).
- ❑ *Foreword*, 15 DUKE J. COMP. & INT'L L.1 (2005)
- ❑ *Teaching National Security Law*, 1 J. NAT'L SEC. L. & POL'Y 161 (2005).
- ❑ *Prosecuting Alleged Terrorists by Military Commission: A Prudent Option*, 42 CASE W. RES. J. INT'L L. 289 (2009).
- ❑ *Robinson O. Everett and National Security*, 59 DUKE L. J. 1447 (2010).

BOOK AND OTHER REVIEWS

- ❑ Book Review, 27 INT'L J. LEGAL INFO. 448 (1999)(reviewing LESLIE C. GREEN, ESSAYS ON THE MODERN LAW OF WAR (2d ed. 1999))
- ❑ *When the End Justifies the Means: Rules of Engagement*, J. LAW & POP. CULTURE (2000)(reviewing RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (Paramount Pictures 2000)), available at <http://www.usfca.edu/pj/rules-silliman.htm>.
- ❑ Book Review, AMER. DIPL'Y (2003) (reviewing GARY JONATHAN BASS, STAY THE HAND OF VENGEANCE: THE POLITICS OF WAR CRIMES TRIBUNALS (2000)(available at http://www.unc.edu/depts/diplomat/archives_roll/2003_04-06/book_05/book_silliman_justice.html.)
- ❑ *A Review of The President versus David Hicks*, 22 POL. COMM. 420 (2005)
- ❑ Book Review, 95 DUKE MAG., MAR./APR. 2009, AT 61 (reviewing MICHAEL NEWTON & MICHAEL SCHARF, ENEMY OF THE STATE: THE TRIAL AND EXECUTION OF SADDAM HUSSEIN (2008)).

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- ❑ National security law, international humanitarian law, military law, operational law, and counterterrorism law and policy. He is a widely sought after guest lecturer on the Law of War, and a frequent commentator on CNN, National Public Radio, and other national radio and television news programs on issues involving military law and national security. As Director Emeritus of the Center on Law, Ethics and National Security, he continues to promote teaching, research and publications in national security law, and sponsor or co-sponsor two major, nationally-recognized conferences each year.

MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

- ❑ Since 1975, Judge Advocates Association (a national organization of active duty, reserve and retired judge advocates from all the services).
- ❑ 1978-1987 Board of Directors, Judge Advocates Association.
- ❑ Served continuously as a member of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Law and National Security, or its Advisory Committee, from 1999 until 2011; and is now a Special Advisor to the Standing Committee.
- ❑ Distinguished Speakers Series, Triangle World Affairs Council, October 1999.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- ❑ Helps the Executive Director of LENS to organize its annual spring conference held in Durham, North Carolina.
- ❑ As co-chairman (since 1996) of the conference planning committee of the ABA's Standing Committee on Law and National Security, he has the major role in planning the annual ABA National Security Law Update conference which LENS co-sponsors each fall.
- ❑ As Director Emeritus of LENS, he continues to work with television, radio and print media representatives on a wide variety of subjects in the national security field.
- ❑ Testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on November 28, 2001, regarding military commissions under the President's military order of November 13, 2001.
- ❑ Met with and served on a panel before selected members and staff of the House Armed Services Committee and House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on June 17, 2004, on the issue of the "Torture Memos".
- ❑ Testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on July 11, 2006, on what response Congress should make to the Supreme Court decision in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*.
- ❑ Testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee on July 19, 2006, on what response Congress should make to the Supreme Court decision in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*.
- ❑ Met informally with members and staffers of the House Armed Services Committee on August 2nd, 2006, regarding proposed legislation regarding military commissions.
- ❑ Served as a Commissioner on the 2009 Commission on Military Justice, sponsored by the ABA and the National Institute of Military Justice..

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