

Biography of Lieutenant Colonel Elizabeth A. Walker

Lieutenant Colonel Elizabeth A. Walker, a 1992 Princeton High School graduate, assumed her duties as Associate Judge for the U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals in July 2019.

Lieutenant Colonel Elizabeth A. Walker is from Princeton, Illinois. She graduated from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science in 1997. She received her Juris Doctor in 2000 from Vermont Law School. She also received a Master of Law degree in Military Law, with a Criminal Law Specialty from the U.S. Army Judge Advocate Legal Center and School in 2010 and was selected to attend the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 2011.

Lieutenant Colonel Walker accepted a direct commission in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps in June 2001 and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 2015. Lieutenant Colonel Walker's military assignments have focused primarily on litigation and criminal law. She served as a prosecutor at Fort Sill, Oklahoma from 2003 – 2004. She then served as a criminal defense counsel at Fort Hood, Texas from 2004 – 2008. During her time as a criminal defense attorney, Lieutenant Colonel Walker deployed to Camp Liberty, Iraq and served as the Senior Defense Counsel with the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, from 2005 – 2006. During her deployment, Lieutenant Colonel Walker represented soldiers accused of violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice including Sergeant Paul Cortez who, along with three other Soldiers, was accused of raping and murdering a young Iraqi girl and murdering her family. Lieutenant Colonel Walker then worked at the U.S. Army Government Appellate Division in Arlington, Virginia where she represented the Army in criminal appeals brought by soldiers convicted of various felony offenses. She was then selected to serve as a Special Victim Prosecutor in which she was adviser and prosecutor for courts-martial involving rape, sexual assault, child sexual assault, child pornography, child physical abuse, and domestic violence at Fort Hood, Texas from 2013 – 2015.

After being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 2015, she then served as a Legislative Counsel in the Army's Office of the Chief Legislative Liaison in the Pentagon in which she worked as a liaison to Congress on legal issues concerning environmental compliance, sexual assault, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice reform. Just prior to her assignment to the Army appellate court Lieutenant Colonel Walker served as a Deputy Staff Judge Advocate to the Commanding General of 7th Infantry Division at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA where she provided legal advice to the 7th Infantry Division Commander and his staff, the same division her grandfather served in during World War II.