



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MICHAEL A. LEWIS

Colonel Michael A. Lewis is currently a Senior Appellate Military Judge, Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals.

Colonel Lewis entered the Air Force in December 1995 as a direct appointee after graduating from Boston College Law School. He has served as a staff judge advocate at a Component Numbered Air Force, as the Chief of the Military Justice Division at the Air Force Legal Operations Agency, the Deputy Chief Trial Judge of the Air Force, a wing staff judge advocate and deputy staff judge advocate, an assistant professor of law and executive officer at the United States Air Force Academy. He is a member of the Massachusetts bar and licensed to practice before the United States Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.



EDUCATION

- 1992 Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems, *summa cum laude*, Bentley College, MA
- 1995 Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, Boston College, MA
- 1998 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL (Distinguished Graduate)
- 2004 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2012 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1996 – September 1998, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate (Chief of Civil Law), 314th Airlift Wing, Little Rock AFB, AR
2. September 1998 - May 1999, Claims Officer, 92d Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild AFB, WA
3. May 1999 - June 2001, Area Defense Counsel, Air Force Legal Services Agency, Fairchild AFB, WA
4. June 2001 - January 2004, Assistant Professor of Law, Headquarters U.S. Air Force Academy, CO
5. January 2004 - November 2005, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 437th Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, SC (September 2004 - January 2005, Legal Advisor, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategy, Plans, and Assessment, Multi-National Force Iraq, U.S. Embassy, Baghdad, Iraq)

6. November 2005 - June 2008, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 435th Air Base Wing, Ramstein AB, Germany
7. June 2008 – July 2011, Staff Judge Advocate, 27th Special Operations Wing, Cannon AFB, NM (September 2009 – February 2010, Staff Judge Advocate, Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component – Data Masked)
8. July 2011 – July 2013, Deputy Chief Trial Judge, Headquarters Air Force Trial Judiciary, Joint Base Andrews, MD
9. July 2013 – July 2015, Chief Military Justice Division, Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Joint Base Andrews, MD; (July 2013 – December 2014, Chair, Joint Service Committee on Military Justice)
10. July 2015 – July 2018, Staff Judge Advocate, 12th Air Force (Air Forces Southern), Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ
11. July 2018 – Present, Appellate Military Judge, Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals, Joint Base Andrews, MD

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with 7 oak leaf clusters

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Iraq Campaign Medal with two bronze service stars

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border

2006 USAFE Outstanding Judge Advocate of the Year

2003 American Bar Association, Young Lawyer Division, Air Force Attorney of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

First Lieutenant 5 December 1995

Captain 1 July 1996

Major 1 December 2002

Lieutenant Colonel 1 January 2009

Colonel 1 April 2014

(Current as of July 2020)