

Kevan Jacobson

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Specializing in the principles of criminal responsibility and the constitutional system, law of armed conflict, and military justice

Biography

Colonel (Retired) Kevan Jacobson served more than 30 years as a lawyer in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. He is a recognized expert in criminal law with extensive experience as a prosecuting attorney, supervisory defense counsel, and criminal justice administrator. Jacobson served around the world at the tactical, operational, and strategic levels during his long military career; practicing across an extremely broad and diverse spectrum of federal, military, and international law. He was repeatedly assigned to lead many of the Army's largest and most complex legal operations, often involving the supervision of hundreds of attorneys and other legal professionals. At Southern Utah University, Jacobson teaches substantive and procedural criminal law as well as national security and American government. Previously, he taught criminal law at the Army Judge Advocate General's School where he served as associate dean. He also administered its congressionally chartered American Bar Association accredited master of law program. Jacobson earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Utah State University followed by a law degree from Brigham Young University. At the Army Judge Advocate General's School, he earned a master of law degree, and at U.S. Army War College, he earned a master's degree in strategic studies. A licensed attorney, he has been a member of the Utah State Bar since 1984.

Industry Expertise

Military, International Affairs, Security, Legal Services, Judiciary, Research

Areas of Expertise

National Security Law, Process of Public Policymaking, Terroristic Violence as a Political Tool, Rights of the Accused, Principles of Criminal Responsibility, Evidence, Criminal Law and Procedure, Homeland Security, Terrorism, Law of Armed Conflict, Military Justice, Remedies for Government Misconduct, Principles of the Constitutional System, Laws of Arrest, Search and Seizure

Affiliations

Utah State Bar Association, Admitted to practice in Utah state courts, the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah, the Army Court of Criminal Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.

Education

Brigham Young University
J.D.

The Judge Advocate General's School
LL.M.

U.S. Army War College
Master of Strategic Studies

Utah State University
B.A.

Accomplishments

Distinguished Service Medal

A military award of the United States Armed Forces given to a person who has distinguished himself or herself by exceptionally meritorious service to the government in a duty of great responsibility.

Bronze Star Medal

A United States decoration awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces for either heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service in a combat zone.

Legion of Merit

A military award of the United States Armed Forces that is given for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements.

Outstanding Military Service Career Judge Advocate Award

Recognized by the American Bar Association in 2014

Distinguished Educator

Southern Utah University Award of Distinguished Educator for the Year of 2016 ? 2017.

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