



Colonel Douglas K. Watkins Chief Judge, Military Commissions Chief Circuit Judge, 3d Judicial Circuit

Colonel Watkins enlisted in the United States Army Military Police Corps in 1981. After completing training at Fort McClellan, he served at Fort Hood, Fulda and Bad Hersfeld, Federal Republic of Germany, and Berlin, Germany. His duty positions included Patrolman, Military Police Investigator, Desk Sergeant, Drug Suppression Team Member, Special Reaction Team Member, Patrol Supervisor, NCOIC of Security - Duty Train, and NCOIC, Checkpoint Charlie.

COL Watkins left active duty in 1988 and joined the Texas Army National Guard, serving as a Combat Engineer. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from East Texas State University and a Juris Doctor from Texas Tech. He was commissioned in 1995 and completed the Judge Advocate Officer Basic Course in 1996. He earned his Master of Laws from The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in 2003.

Prior to assuming duties as Chief Judge, Military Commissions, and Chief Circuit Judge, Fort Hood, COL Watkins served as Circuit Judge, Fort Carson; Circuit Judge, Fort Bliss; Regional Defense Counsel, Fort Leavenworth; Senior Observer Trainer, Fort Leavenworth; Brigade Judge Advocate, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood; Senior Defense Counsel, Fort Carson; Chief of Justice and Assistant Professor, United States Military Academy; and Legal Assistance Attorney, Operational Law Attorney, and Trial Counsel, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg.

COL Watkins' awards include the Bronze Star; Meritorious Service Medal with silver oak leaf cluster; Army Commendation Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters; Joint Service Achievement Medal; Army Achievement Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters; Army Good Conduct Medal; Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal; Army of Occupation Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; and Armed Forces Service Medal. He is entitled to wear the Army Superior Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Australian Parachutist Badge, and Royal Thai Parachutist Badge.