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As of July 2015, Max became the Deputy Legal Counsel for U.S. Africa Command. He was a member of the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps for 25-years. He ended his military career as the first Strategic Initiatives Officer for the JAG Corps. Previously, from July 2011 to July 2013, Max was the Staff Judge Advocate for V (5th) Corps and concurrently, while deployed to Afghanistan from June 2012 to May 2013, he was the Legal Advisor for NATO's International Security Assistance Force Joint Command.

Max considers North Carolina home, where he grew up in the Tidewater area. He attended undergraduate at Duke University, majoring in economics and history. While at Duke, he was in ROTC and received his military commission. He then attended law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he served on the Board of Editors of the *North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation*. Max graduated from Chapel Hill in 1990 and entered the Army as a Judge Advocate.

He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in 1999 (LL.M. and *Commandant's List*); U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in 2004 (*Distinguished Graduate*); and the National War College in 2011 (M.S. and *Distinguished Graduate*). Max has published a number of academic articles. His latest law review article is *The Innocent Combatant: Preserving Their Jus In Bello Protections* and he is currently pending publication of a piece on strategies to advance accountability, command responsibility, and professionalism within African militaries.

Max is married to Mary and they share a love of reading, art, and travel, and most of all, their son, David.

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