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Lieutenant Commander McEwen is the Military Justice Department Head at Naval Justice School. He was born in Richfield, Utah, and attended Southern Utah University where he obtained a bachelor of science in Political Science (*magna cum laude*). After graduating from college in 1999, he attended Southern Methodist University School of Law where he received his juris doctorate in 2002. Although LCDR McEwen commissioned into the Navy JAG Student Program in December 2000, he deferred his entrance into the Navy for one year to complete an appellate judicial clerkship in Texarkana, Texas.

After graduation from Naval Justice School in December 2003, he reported for duty to the Navy Legal Service Office, Northeast, where he served as legal assistant attorney assigned to the Pentagon; counsel for members at Physical Evaluation Board; and defense counsel. In addition to his JAG duties, while in D.C., LCDR McEwen completed all course work at George Washington University Law School for his LL.M. in International and Comparative Law. He subsequently transferred to U.S. Region Legal Service Office, Japan where he served as both Trial Counsel and Senior Trial Counsel. It was during his time in Yokosuka that he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with Task Force 134, specifically serving as Lead Warrants Attorney at the Central Criminal Court Iraq.

LCDR McEwen transferred from Japan to Italy where he served as Officer-in-Charge; Installation Staff Judge Advocate; and Senior Trial Counsel at the U.S. Region Legal Service Office, Europe, Africa, and Southwest Asia, Detachment Sigonella, Italy. In 2012, LCDR McEwen attended California Western School of Law, where he obtained his LL.M. degree in Trial Advocacy. In July 2013, LCDR McEwen checked into Naval Justice School, where he is currently serving. LCDR McEwen and his wife Lisa have five children, ages fourteen to one.

LCDR McEwen is a Specialist II in the Military Justice Litigation Career Track. He is licensed to practice law in the State of Texas. He is authorized to wear the Navy Meritorious Service Medal; Joint Commendation Medal; Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and Iraq Campaign Medal, among other awards.