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Attorney Sandra Tullius hales from Upstate NY but is a 30 year transplant to New England, specifically, Connecticut, where she has worked and lived from the mid-80's until her move with the Army JAGC to VA in July, 2009. Attorney Tullius earned her Bachelor of Science in Education from SUNY College at Cortland and her Master's of Science in Exercise and Sport Science from Smith College. Attorney Tullius earned her Juris Doctorate degree from Western New England University School of Law in 1988 and was admitted to practice law in the State and Federal Courts of Connecticut in 1989. Following law school, Ms. Tullius clerked for the State of Connecticut Superior Court judges, a position that led to becoming a State of Connecticut prosecutor in 1990.

Attorney Tullius served as an Assistant and Senior Assistant State's Attorney for the State of Connecticut from 1990 until she left state service to "join the Army" in July, 2009. As a prosecutor for 20 years Attorney Tullius had three duty stations; Tolland JD, the Chief State's Attorney's Office and the Hartford JD. Her duties as a State's Attorney included every aspect of a criminal prosecution from assisting and advising an investigation to charging and subsequently taking the case to court, resulting in either a plea disposition or a trial. As a State's Attorney, Attorney Tullius has prosecuted crimes ranging from infractions to Capital Felony Murder. During her time at the Chief State's Attorney's Office she directed a statewide Statutory Rape Unit, including being involved in developing training, legislation and public service campaigns to combat the issue of statutory rape and child abuse as well as being the only active prosecutor for hundreds of sexual assault cases.

During her tenure as a prosecutor, Attorney Tullius developed an expertise in the area of child physical and sexual abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence. As such, Attorney Tullius developed and participated in multidisciplinary teams involved with the sexual assault of children and child fatalities. She also trained and assisted local law enforcement, other prosecuting attorney's and social services in developing protocols, trainings and case development. Attorney Tullius

has lectured and presented trainings to law enforcement, medical, prosecutors, social services, rape crisis and anyone else who will listen on a range of topics from trial advocacy and testifying to sexual assault, child abuse, search and seizure, expert witnesses, etc. She has conducted these trainings locally, nationally and internationally, recently presenting on the topic of Abusive Head Trauma at the 12th International Shaken Baby Conference.

In 2009 Attorney Tullius was inducted into her High School Hall of Fame for her work with children as victims of crime. She also was featured by the National District Attorney's Association in 2008 in their Prosecutor Magazine "In Profile" for her work with victims of child abuse. The Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Service recognized Attorney Tullius in 1998 with an award for Community Service for her work with victims of Sexual Assault. Upon her "retirement" from the State of Connecticut she was presented a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition by Congressman John B. Larson for her years of dedicated service to the Office of the State's Attorney. Attorney Tullius also was an adjunct professor at Eastern Connecticut State University for 10 years and at one time coached and played soccer on an international level.

Attorney Tullius came to the Army as an HQE assigned to the Trial Counsel Assistance Program in July of 2009. As an HQE, Attorney Tullius has had a variety of roles, as the mission has required. Her primary mission has been to assist and support the SVP program from its infancy to where it stands today. In doing so she has conducted numerous trainings of SVP's, trial counsel, CID, medical personnel and others on a variety of topics relating to the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault and the care and management of cases and victims. Attorney Tullius spends the majority of her time on the road, traveling to installations around the world, including months in Iraq and Afghanistan, providing direct assistance and training to prosecutors in investigating, preparing for and presenting trials. Attorney Tullius has provided assistance on a variety of crimes and most recently assisted with the prosecution of SGT Thomas Adams, convicted and sentenced to life for the sexual assault of 6 minors, SSG Robert Bales, convicted and sentenced to life without parole for the murder and attempted murder of 22 Afghan civilians, SPC Martin, convicted and sentenced for rape in Kaiserslautern, Germany, SGT John Russell, convicted and sentenced to

life without parole for the murder of 5 military members in Iraq, SPC Robert Jenks, convicted and sentenced for the murder of his wife, Major Detrick Kelly, convicted and sentenced to life without parole for the murder of his wife and a wide range of sexual assault, child abuse, child homicide, child pornography and domestic violence and other homicides.

Attorney Tullius is admitted to practice in the State and Federal courts in Connecticut and is also admitted to practice before the Army Court of Criminal Appeals. She maintains a home in VA and CT where every now and then she gets to spend time with her family and friends.