



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL DANIEL J. HIGGINS

Colonel Dan Higgins is the Chief, Trial Defense Division (JJD), Air Force Legal Operations Agency (AFLOA) Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. He is responsible for providing zealous, ethical, and professional legal defense services to Air Force members world-wide. He leads a team of 108 judge advocates and 82 paralegals as they represent military members in courts-martial, administrative discharge boards and other criminal and adverse personal proceedings. .



Colonel Higgins received his commission through the Reserve Officer's Training Corps in 1991. Upon commissioning, Colonel Higgins joined the inactive reserves as part of the Educational Delay Program, allowing him to attend law school. He graduated from the University of Wyoming College of Law in May 1994. He has served as a staff judge advocate, a deputy staff judge advocate, an instructor, and an area defense counsel. He is admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of Nebraska and the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

EDUCATION

1991 Bachelor of Science, Business Administration (Economics), Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska
1994 Juris Doctor, University of Wyoming, College of Law, Laramie, Wyoming
1999 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
2006 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
2008 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 1994 – November 1996, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, 55th Wing, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska
2. November 1996 – January 1999, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico
3. January 1999 – June 2000, Area Defense Counsel, Air Force Legal Services Agency, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico
4. June 2000 – July 2003, Assistant Professor of Law, Dean of Faculty, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado
5. July 2003 – July 2005, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 2d Bomb Wing, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana (January 2005 – May 2005, Deployed Staff Judge Advocate, 332d Air Expeditionary Wing, Balad Air Base, Iraq)
6. August 2005 – June 2006, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
7. July 2006 – July 2007, Chief Circuit Trial Counsel, Eastern Circuit, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, District of Columbia
8. July 2007 – June 2008, Chief Senior Trial Counsel, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, District of Columbia
9. July 2008 – June 2011, Staff Judge Advocate, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida

10. July 2011 – July 2013, Staff Judge Advocate, 2d Bomb Wing, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana
11. July 2013 – Present, Chief, Trial Defense Division, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
National Defense Service Medal with device
Iraq Campaign Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Air Force Longevity Service with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	18 May 1991
First Lieutenant	3 October 1994
Captain	3 April 1995
Major	1 April 2002
Lieutenant Colonel	1 February 2008
Colonel	1 February 2013

(Current as of July 2013)