



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MR. RICK A. BECKER

Mr. Becker is the Senior Attorney Advisor, Office of Airmen's Counsel (OAC), Air Force Legal Operations Agency (AFLOA), Community Legal Services, Joint Base San Antonio – Randolph, Texas. As Airmen's Counsel, Mr. Becker provides representation to active and temporarily retired Air Force members processing through the Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) which determines fitness for duty for wounded, ill, injured and recovering Airmen. OAC counsel also handle appeals of VA benefit decisions and advise separating Airmen regarding a wide range of benefits to assist their transition to civilian life.

Mr. Becker received his B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of South Carolina. He joined the Air Force as a Judge Advocate in December 1986 as a Direct Appointee. Mr. Becker served seven years active duty and four years active reserves as an instructor at the Air Force Judge Advocate General School at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Following active service, he worked at a medical insurance company and nearly four years as an attorney advisor with the US Army at Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He became an Air Force civilian attorney advisor in July 1998.



EDUCATION

- 1983 Bachelor of Arts degree in English, University of SC, SC
- 1986 Juris Doctor, University of SC School of Law, SC
- 1993 Squadron Officer's School, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 1987 – April 1989, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, 36 TFW, Bitburg AB, Germany
2. April 1989 – February 1990, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, 51 TFW, Osan AB, Korea
3. May 1990 – June 1992, Director, Medical Law, Keesler Medical Center, Keesler AFB, MS
4. June 1992- March 1994, Command Medical Law Consultant, Office of the Command Surgeon, US Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein AB, Germany
5. August 1995 – May 1999, Reserve Instructor, Civil Law Division, AF Judge Advocate General School, Maxwell AFB, AL

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
1996 Outstanding JAG School Reserve Instructor (Donald C. Rasher Award)

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