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Scott is the Staff Judge Advocate for the West Virginia Army National Guard in



Charleston, West Virginia, where he leads all legal operations for the state's military force. For the past fourteen years, he has been instrumental in advancing military and veterans' law within West Virginia, providing critical review and insight on nearly all legislation impacting Servicemembers. A dedicated public servant, Scott continues to serve in an active-duty capacity with 24 years of service in the United States Army and the West Virginia Army National Guard.

Scott began his military career as a Second Lieutenant in the Military Police Corps and has been a member of the West Virginia Army National Guard since 2003. He previously commanded the 154th Military Police Company and has demonstrated exceptional leadership as the legal lead for the U.S. Locked Shields team – the world's largest and most complex international live-fire cyber defense exercise, hosted annually by the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE) since 2010.

Beyond his military service, Scott is deeply committed to the legal profession and his community. He earned both a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from West Virginia University. Earlier in his career, he served as minority counsel for the West Virginia House of Delegates (2nd Session, 78th Legislature) and currently serves on the West Virginia State Bar Veterans and Military Committee. He actively volunteers to organize an annual Veteran's Day of Service in conjunction with National Pro Bono Day.

Scott's contributions have been widely recognized, earning him the 2016 West Virginia State Journal "40 under 40" Generation Next Leadership Award, the 2017 West Virginia State Bar's James Madison Cutts Jr. Citizen Soldier Award, and the 2020 Lawyers and Leaders Award. He is a graduate of Leadership West Virginia (2021). His dedication to service is further reflected in his decorations, which include the Army Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Army Service Ribbon/Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

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