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## Top Skills

Legal Research

Commercial Litigation

Litigation

### Certifications

**Fellow** 

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace Certificate

# Carrie Ricci

**General Counsel** 

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

# Experience

US Army
General Counsel
January 2022 - Present (1 year 8 months)
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

#### **USDA**

9 years 7 months

Associate General Counsel, Marketing, Regulatory, and Food Safety Programs

October 2013 - December 2021 (8 years 3 months)

Washington, DC

Senior Executive supervising 30 attorneys and support staff advising broad mission areas spanning food safety, animal and plant health, biotechnology, promotion of agricultural commodities, grading and labeling of food products, organic farming, import/export regulation, and grain inspection. Advises senior leadership and provides all legal services to regulatory mission areas including defensive litigation in coordination with the Department of Justice, adjudicatory proceedings and formal rulemaking hearings before USDA administrative law judges, clearance of administrative regulations and other policy issuances, and legislative drafting.

Assistant General Counsel, Marketing and Regulatory June 2012 - October 2013 (1 year 5 months) Washington, DC

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## US Army

Government Expert, Fort Hood Independent Review Committee August 2020 - December 2020 (5 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States and Fort Hood, Texas

Detailed for a five month assignment:

Selected and appointed by the Secretary of the Army and the Army Chief of Staff to a five-member committee of experts in the wake of the murder of a Fort Hood Soldier and a rise in felonies and violent acts that made national headlines. As a team member, crafted and participated in an intensive fact-finding mission, including a 2-week onsite review of the command

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climate and soldier safety at Fort Hood, the effectiveness of the Sexual Harassment/Assault and Prevention program, and missing soldier protocols. Assisted in drafting a 130+ page report providing significant findings and recommendations for charting a better path forward for both the Army and Fort Hood.

Department of Defense Education Activity Assistant General Counsel February 2010 - June 2012 (2 years 5 months) Arlington, Virginia, United States

Advised leadership of DoDEA, a field activity of the Department of Defense, which operates 194 schools for over 70,000 K-12 students in the US and 12 foreign countries. Practice areas included: student disciplinary proceedings, government ethics, compliance with procurement integrity laws, all facets of federal education law, government grant programs, fiscal law, alternative dispute resolution, and legislative initiatives. As Ethics Program Manager, planned, directed, and managed three regional ethics programs operated by seven ethics counselors on three continents in support of all DoDEA employees.

US Army Lieutenant Colonel June 1988 - March 2010 (21 years 10 months) Multiple

Retired Judge Advocate who served in a variety of leadership, supervisory, and senior advisory positions in the US Army, including service as a Military Personnel Law Expert in the Army Office of the General Counsel, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate to the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, Chief of International Law at U.S. Central Command, Administrative Law Attorney in the Office of the Judge Advocate General, Trial Counsel at Fort Hood Texas, and various other assignments and roles. Recognized in 2009 by the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Washington Post, and other news outlets for leadership and courage in issuing a 2004 legal opinion that led military leaders in Iraq to rescind an aggressive but unlawful interrogation policy. Graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School Graduate Course.

## Education

LL.M, Intellectual Property, Privacy, Information Technology · (2004 - 2005)

The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School Masters of Law - LL.M, Military Law with International Law Specialty · (1999 - 2000)

University of Maryland School of Law Juris Doctor · (1993 - 1996)

Georgetown University
BSBA, Finance & International Management · (1984 - 1988)

Lakewood High · (1980 - 1984)