

Military and Veterans Law Update

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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Lt. Col. Timothy W. Murphy

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Timothy W. Murphy serves as an Attorney-Advisor for the office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina. Mr. Murphy was commissioned as an Air Force judge advocate in 1987 and retired from active duty in 2007 as a Lieutenant Colonel. During this timeframe, he served in multiple assignments in England, California, Colorado, Delaware and Washington DC. His final active-duty assignment was Deputy Staff Judge Advocate at 9th AF/USCENTAF, Shaw AFB, where he deployed as the Staff Judge Advocate of the Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC) IN Qatar supporting coalition operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Between 2007 and 2020, Mr. Murphy practiced law in South Carolina as a partner in a Sumter law firm, the Chief Sumter County Public Defender and the senior Assistant Solicitor in Clarendon County. He is admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of South Carolina, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (inactive), the US Supreme Court, US Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, US Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit, US Court of Appeals for Veterans' Claims, US Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals and the US District Court for the District of South Carolina. He is married to the former Jody Henderson of Falconer, New York. Their two adult sons are both Air Force officers.

Mr. Murphy is the current Chair of the South Carolina Bar Association Military and Veterans Affairs Section. He previously served as Chair in 2018.

William A. Hudson, Jr.

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William A. Hudson, Jr. is a partner in Tully Rinckey PLLC's Washington, D.C., office where he focuses his practice on military, security clearance, and federal employment law.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Hudson was the president and CEO of Hudson Consulting, a firm focused on providing counsel to private industry in forming effective partnerships with governmental and non-governmental agencies and businesses and crafting innovative outreach strategies for the successful advancement of legislation and policy initiatives.

Mr. Hudson also served as the Acting General Counsel to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) from November 10, 2019, to January 20, 2021. As the Chief Legal Officer of the Department and Legal Advisor to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, he oversaw and coordinated the work of the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) Central Office Law Groups, OGC's District Chief Counsel Offices, and OGC's National Practice Groups, which provide legal services in areas encompassing all of VA's Veterans' programs, personnel, torts, and general law subject matters.

Prior to joining VA, Mr. Hudson served the Department of Defense (DoD) as Senior Counsel and Director, Congressional Investigations, Office of General Counsel. He previously served twice at DoD in the Office of General Counsel as Acting Deputy General Counsel (Legislation). Mr. Hudson is a recipient of the Department of Veterans Affairs Exceptional Service Award and a five-time recipient of the Secretary of Defense's Award for Exceptional Civilian Service.

Mr. Hudson retired from the United States Army in 2010 as a Colonel with over 27 years of active service. His past assignments include serving as Special Assistant for Legal and International Security Affairs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs. Previous assignments also include Staff Judge Advocate, 3rd Infantry Division and Fort Stewart, Georgia, where he deployed twice to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I and III; Chief Counsel, Investigations and Legislation for the Office of the Chief, U.S. Army Legislative Liaison; Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Special Forces Command (Airborne) Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, III Armored Corps and Fort Hood, Texas. Mr. Hudson's military awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, United Nations in Haiti Medal, Parachutist's Badge, and Combat Action Badge.

Mr. Hudson has held a Top Secret Security Clearance, and his education includes a Master of Science in National Security Strategy from the National War College; a Master of Laws from the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School; a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law; and a Bachelor of Arts from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. He is also a graduate from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He is admitted to practice before the State of South Carolina, the United States Army Court of Criminal Appeals, the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the United States Supreme Court.

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Kenny received a B.S. in Geography from United States Military Academy at West Point. Upon graduation, he served in the U.S. Army as an Armor and Cavalry Officer with service in around the world, to include two combat deployments to Iraq. After service, Kenny received a J.D. from University of South Carolina School of Law in 2011. Kenny has been engaged in the private practice of law in Columbia, South Carolina representing veterans and their family members since 2011.

He is admitted to the practice in the South Carolina Supreme Court; the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; and the U.S. Supreme Court. Kenny has served on the Military and Veterans Law Committee of the South Carolina Bar since 2011, and has been an active member of the state's bar. He has devoted his time and energy to ensuring veterans in South Carolina receive access to legal services before the VA as well as in state courts. Kenny was instrumental in advocating for the creation of the Veterans Law Clinic at

the School of Law, and had served as an adjunct instructor from its creation in 2018 until 2021; and as the Interim Director of the clinic from 2021 to 2022.

Kenny speaks regularly at the state and national level on Veterans Disability issues and is a frequent presenter for the South Carolina Bar and NOVA.