# WILLIAM GEORGE ECKHARDT

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### LAW TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Professor of Law (2006-Present) Clinical Professor of Law (1996-2006) Director of Urban Affairs Outreach (1996-Present)

University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law Kansas City, Missouri; 1996-Present

Currently teach Evidence, Administrative Law, and Criminal Law. Supervise the following "externships": Public Defender Trial Clinic, United States Attorney Clinic, Missouri Attorney General's Office Clinic, Social Security Administration Clinic and the Environmental Protection Agency Clinics. Students have provided some 11,040 hours of Community Service. Under the direction of the Dean and within the School's Strategic Plan: (1) Oversee the School's urban education mission; (2) Explore, examine and help develop opportunities by which students and the faculty may become more actively engaged in research, service and educational activities; (3) Assist the Dean in outreach efforts. Teacher of the year in 2003, 2006, and 2010; winner of the Elmer F. Pierson Outstanding Teaching Award in 2007; and winner of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Community Engagement in 2011. Taught Introduction to Law and Lawyering Processes for many years and also taught Evidence for one semester at the University of Kansas. Active participant in community events and legal symposia.

# Visiting Associate Professor of Law

University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law Kansas City, Missouri; 1993-1996

Taught Criminal Law, Administrative Law, Evidence, and National Security Law. Supervised the Public Defender Trial Clinic. Excellent student evaluations. Served on Program and Placement Committees. Instrumental in reestablishing the Kansas City Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. Worked extensively with the International Relations Council of Kansas City. Served as Chairman of the Jackson County Ethic Commission. Active participant in community events and legal symposia.

### **MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

# Director of National Security Legal Issues and Legal Adviser

United States Army War College Carlisle, Pennsylvania; 1985-88; 1991-1992

Responsible for curriculum design, instruction, and text creation for a wide variety of national security issues and programs at the Army's pinnacle educational institution; holder of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Chair of National Security, 1985-88; on behalf of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff organized an international symposium on military operations and law; legal adviser to the Commandant (President).

Faculty, United States Army War College: Director of National Security Legal Issues and Legal Adviser to the Commandant: Holder of The Dwight D. Eisenhower Chair of National Security: Conceptualized and developed lessons. Planned, developed, edited, and wrote materials for special texts. Presented lectures. Developed case studies and exercises. Reviewed papers, texts, and manuals. Acted as a seminar group faculty instructor. Served on faculty committees. Led students and faculty in an understanding of legal matters that impact on senior civilian and military leaders addressing national security issues. Facilitated, as a teacher, counsel, and mentor, the important work of the Army War College by adding depth to the understanding of the profession of arms and by imbuing a sense of appreciation of the role of the military in a democratic society. Awarded, by vote of my teaching colleagues, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Chair of National Security for excellence in teaching. Lectured on "Professional Conduct on the Battlefield," "American Values," "Soldiers and the Constitution," "The Judiciary," and "Contemporary Theology of War and Peace." Organized a three day study trip for three hundred students and their wives to New York City with organized visits to the United Nations and numerous of its missions, various corporation headquarters and selected city offices. Organized, on behalf of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, an international Military Operations and Law Symposium. Conceptualized, developed, and taught an Advanced Course, "Law for the Joint Warfighter." Collected and edited material for a 900-page "reader" that was the first such legally related reference-text for senior military officers. Wrote a published chapter, "We the People' Go to War". Performed major speaking duties and represented the Army War College in 10 fora each year in various locations throughout the United States.

#### General Counsel

United States European Command Vaihingen, Germany; 1988-91

Principal legal adviser to major United States command responsible for activities in over seventy countries in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East; responsibilities included formulation of national negotiation positions, coordination with United States civilian agencies, foreign governments, and international organizations, and legal advice incident to the Persian Gulf War; supervised attorneys in five countries.

<u>Legal Adviser</u>, <u>United States European Command</u>: Chief United States military legal position in Europe. Principal legal adviser to two 4-star generals and their staffs in matters concerning domestic, foreign and international law arising from activities in over seventy countries in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. Served as the single point for coordination and direction of the European legal staffs of the Army, Navy and Air Force in unified command matters. Responsible for interacting with the appropriate legal office in the Department of Defense, The Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, The Judge Advocates General of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines, the Department of Justice and other United States Governmental agencies, host nations, and various international organizations. Responsible for preparation of negotiation

positions for status and stationing of military forces in NATO countries, particularly Germany, and for helping to establish policies for the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Europe. During numerous military operations in 1990-1991, before, during, and after DESERT STORM, served as a member of the European Command Senior Decision Cell with two 4-star, one 3-star, six 2-star, three one-star generals and one other colonel. Directly supervised eight attorneys in five countries.

# Chief Appellate Defense Attorney

United States Army Legal Services Agency Falls Church, Virginia: 1982-85

Supervised an appellate litigation office of fifty lawyers with an administrative staff of nineteen; argued cases before the military appellate courts; prepared office for Supreme Court practice incident to new enabling legislation and under that legislation filed the nation's first successful Supreme Court certiorari petition on behalf of a member of the armed forces.

Chief, Defense Appellate Division: Army's Chief Appellate Defender: The senior appellate defense attorney in the Army. Primarily responsible for the appellate representation of every accused before the Army Court of Military Review, the Court of Military Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. Supervised a division of 50 judge advocates and 19 civilian employees producing some 10,000 pages of briefs a month. The first chief in 10 years to handle a small number of routine cases and to argue personally significant cases. Institutionalized extensive preparation for Supreme Court practice by preparing a Supreme Court Practice Handbook. Filed the first successful Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the United States Supreme Court by a serviceman under the Military Justice Act of 1983. Managed the largest command influence litigation in the history of the Code. Served on the Court of Military Appeals Advisory Committee.

#### General Counsel

Third Armored Division Germany, 1978-81

Principal legal adviser to a military commander responsible for an overseas community of 65,000 soldiers and civilians in an area covering approximately one quarter of the Federal Republic of Germany; supervised twenty-five lawyers in their representation of the command, its members, and family members in a large variety of different legal areas.

Staff Judge Advocate, Third Armored Division, Germany: Served as the legal adviser to a combat division commander leading an overseas community of 65,000 soldiers and their dependents. Responsible for military justice administration for some 10 percent of all the Army's criminal cases in an area of responsibility covering approximately one quarter of the Federal Republic of Germany. Supervised 25 lawyers in five different locations. Oversaw the command's claims and legal assistance programs. Provided advice in the fields in administrative law, military personnel law, international law, and procurement law.

#### General Counsel

Presidio of San Francisco San Francisco, California; 1974-77

Principal legal adviser to the commander of a major Army installation with responsibilities extending through northern California and Nevada; legal issues dealt with included complex labor and environmental matters, First Amendment dissent, and government contracting; represented the United States in sensitive federal litigation; supervised an office of eight lawyers.

Staff Judge Advocate, Presidio of San Francisco, California: Adjunct Professor for Military Law, University of California at Berkeley: Served as legal adviser to the commander of a major Army installation with responsibilities extending to Northern California and the State of Nevada. Helped resolve complex installation legal problems in a sophisticated labor and environmentally oriented area. Rendered advice on First Amendment dissent questions, labor relations, environmental law, procurement issues, and general military legal matters to include legal assistance and claims. Participated in negotiation settlements and conducted or oversaw investigations. Personally handled sensitive West Coast federal court litigation matters. Managed an eight man office. Sought out by the Berkeley faculty to teach approximately 20 students a year for three years. One third of these students were pre-law students and had no connection with the military. Without the benefit of any textbook or syllabus, designed the course, gathered reading material, and prepared lectures. Nine three-hour sessions involved a basic introduction to the substantive and procedural aspects of criminal law, basic concepts of administrative due process, and fundamental concepts of property law.

### Chief, Personnel Affairs Branch

Office of The Judge Advocate General of the Army Washington, D.C.; 1972-74

In conjunction with the Department of Justice responsible for some 1300 federal civil litigation cases dealing with civilian and military personnel matters including significant constitutional questions; supervised an office of seven lawyers.

Chief, Personnel Affairs Branch, Litigation Division, Office of The Judge Advocate General: Chief of one of the most sensitive and important branches, responsible for preparation and presentation, in conjunction with the Department of Justice, of all Army military and civilian personnel cases (some 1300) in civil litigation in the federal courts. Litigated serious Vietnam era constitutional challenges to Army policies, procedures, and practices. In addition, required to help mold Army policy on such matters as constitutional challenges to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, the Army's drug abuse control program, procedures for instilling "due process" requirements in the Army's confinement facilities, procedures for handling dissidence on Army installations, and procedures for activation of reservists. Supervised seven attorneys in the preparation of pleadings and in appearances in federal court.

### Chief Prosecutor, My Lai Cases

Fort McPherson, Georgia 1970-71

Chief of My Lai prosecution team responsible for My Lai war crimes cases including that of Captain Medina; received the Federal Younger Lawyer Award from Justice Rehnquist for discharge of duty "with ability, vigor, and dedication consistent with the highest ideals of the legal profession."

<u>Chief Trial Counsel, Fort McPherson My Lai Cases</u>: Headed prosecution team, under intense public pressure and scrutiny, in the handling of courts-martial arising from the ground action of the My Lai incident. These cases included those of Captain Medina and 13 other soldiers. Received the Federal Younger Lawyer Award presented by then Justice Rehnquist for discharge of my duties "with ability, vigor and dedication consistent with the highest ideals of the legal profession."

#### Prosecutor and Defense Counsel

Vietnam and Germany; 1966-69

Prosecuted and defended felony cases, including capital cases, under combat conditions; prosecuted several hundred cases in Germany against military and civilian counsel.

<u>Trial and Defense Counsel, Vietnam and Germany</u>: Under combat conditions in the largest general court-martial jurisdiction in the history of the Code as one of five selected trial attorneys, prosecuted and defended criminal felony cases. Capital cases included incidents later recorded in <u>Casualties of War</u> by Daniel Lang. Prosecuted several hundred cases in the Federal Republic of Germany against such opposing counsel as Melvin Belli.

### **EDUCATION**

University of Mississippi Oxford, Mississippi B.A. (Honors); 1963

The University of Virginia School of Law Charlottesville, Virginia LLB (Honors); 1966

The Judge Advocate General's School; Charlottesville, Virginia; LL.M. Equivalent, 1970

United States Army Command and General Staff College; Leavenworth, Kansas; 1978

United States Army War College; Carlisle, Pennsylvania, 1982

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Virginia; United States Supreme Court; United States Court of Military Appeals

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Eckhardt, "The Electoral College: Federalism at Work," @Law Magazine (February 25, 2009).

Eckhardt and Hilton, "The Consequences of Judicial Selection: A Review of the Supreme Court of Missouri, 1992-2007," The Federalist Society (2007).

Eckhardt, "William G. Eckhardt Oral History," The Judge Advocate General's School (2005).

Eckhardt, "The Role of the Lawyer in War: Lawyering for Uncle Sam When He Draws His Sword," 4 Chic.J. Int'l L. 431 (2003).

Eckhardt, "My Lai: An American Tragedy," in The Real Lessons of the Vietnam War: Reflection Twenty-Five Years After the Fall of Saigon (John Norton Moore and Robert F. Turner eds., Carolina Academic Press 2002).

Eckhardt, My Lai: An American Tragedy, 68 U.M.K.C. L.Rev. 671 - (2000).

David L. Anderson (Editor), *Facing My Lai: Moving Beyond the Massacre*, University Press of Kansas (1998) (Extensive Remarks).

Eckhardt, "Nuremberg - Fifty Years: Accountability and Responsibility", 65 U.M.K.C. L. Rev. 1 (1996).

Eckhardt, "An Introduction to the Symposium: 'Don't Ask-Don't Tell': Gays in the Military", 64 U.M.K.C. L. Rev. 1 (1995).

Eckhardt, "Commentary on Professor William V. O'Brien's 'Just War Doctrine's Complementary Role in the International Law of War" in Alberto R. Coll, James S. Ord and Stephen A. Rose (eds.), International Law Studies 1995: Legal and Moral Constraints on Low-Intensity Conflict, Naval War College (1995).

Eckhardt, We the People Go to War in A.N. Sabrosky & R.L. Sloane (eds.), **The Recourse to War: An Appraisal of the "Weinberger Doctrine"** (1988).

Editor, Law for the Joint Warfighter (Army War College 1987) (three volumes).

Editor, Supreme Court Practice Handbook (U.S. Army Defense Appellate Division, 1984).

Eckhardt, <u>Goodson v. United States</u>: First Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the United States Supreme Court filed on behalf of a soldier pursuant to the Military Justice Act of 1983.

Eckhardt, Command Criminal Responsibility: A Plea for a Workable Standard, 97 Mil. L. Rev. 1 (1982) (Winner of the Army War College Foundation Cash Award).

Eckhardt, *Intrusion into the Body*, 52 Mil. L. Rev. 141 (1971).

#### SELECTED SIGNIFICANT PRESENTATIONS

"Professional Conduct on the Battlefield," Guest Speaker Program, Fort Leonard Wood, MO 5/13/14.

"Focusing Military Ethics: Personal Physical and Moral Fitness: Insuring Professional Conduct on the Battlefield: Commitment to a Lifetime of Professional Study," Command and General Staff College Ethics Symposium, 5/7/14.

"Lessons from My Lai in a Post-9/11 World," United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Missouri, 8/22/13.

"Professional Conduct on the Battlefield," Keynote Speaker, Summer Institute on Work and Economics, The Land Center Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dallas, TX, 5/21/13.

War Crimes Class Command and General Staff College, 5/16/13.

"Things Legal and Military," Salt and Pepper Clue Homestead Country Club, Kansas City, MO, 3/12/13.

KCMBA: Speaking to New Lawyers, Kansas City Federal Courthouse, 1/2/13.

War Crimes Class Command and General Staff College, 11/19/12.

"American Military Legal Framework," Sons of the American Revolution, Kansas City, MO, 11/10/12.

"NPR Warrior Connections with Patricia Axlerod," 8/14/12.

"What's Going On?" Am Explanation of Global Issues Related to War, Genocide, and Crimes Against Humanity," University of Missouri-Kansas City Library Information Commons, Kansas City, MO 4/6/2011.

"Professional Conduct on a Changing Battlefield: The Theoretical Basics of National Security Reflections on My Lai: An American Tragedy Ten Observations on the War on Terror," University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 11/22/2010.

"Ethical and Legal Issues in Contemporary Conflict," Business Executives for National Security, Command and General Staff College Foundation, Inc., Reardon Civic Center, Kansas City, KS 10/01/2009.

Testimony before the Missouri Senate Government Accountability Committee: "Changes to the Missouri Plan," Jefferson City, MO 03/12/2009.

Testimony before the Missouri House General Laws Committee, Jefferson City, MO 03/03/2009 and 02/05/2008.

"Ten Observations on the War on Terror," Kansas City Federalist Society, Kansas City, MO 03/20/2008.

"Debate Missouri Plan," Evangel College Pre-Law Society, Springfield, MO 10/30/2008.

Testimony before the Kansas House Judiciary Committee: Kansas Statement on the Proposed Changes in Missouri to the Missouri Plan for Appointing Judges, Topeka, KS 02/12/2008.

"Looking Legally at the War on Terror," Johnson County Bar Association, Overland Park, KS 12/05/2007.

Forum on the Missouri Non-Partisan Court Plan and Committee for County Progress, Kansas City, MO 11/29/2007.

"Legal Responses to Terrorism: Current Statue and Future Trends," International Relations Council, Kansas City, MO 09/19/2007.

"La Croix Lecture," La Croix Lecture at Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO 03/29/2007.

"What Should Be the Constitutional Limits to Torture?" ACLU Biennial Conference, Kansas City, MO 02/17/2007.

NPR radio interview on the Warren Olney Show, 12/07/2006.

"Civil Liberties in a Time of Terror," ACLU, Kansas City, MO 12/05/2006.

"Teaching Military Law," National Institute of Military Justice, Washington, DC 09/27/2006.

"Military Commissions Post Haditha," Senate Armed Service Committee, Washington, DC 07/19/2006.

"Lawyers as Peacemakers," UMKC School of Law Baccalaureate, Kansas City, MO, 05/04/2006.

"Abu Ghraib Second Anniversary," radio interview on National Public Radio 03/10/2006.

"Guantanamo Officer Maintains Silence on Abu Ghraib," radio interview on Financial Times: Demetri Sevastopolo 03/08/2006.

- "Town Hall Meeting: NSA Wiretaps," Town Hall Meeting: NSA Wiretaps, Mohart Multipurpose Center, Kansas City MO 01/26/2006.
- "Our Constitution: A Document Produced in Turmoil," Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, KS 09/07/2005.
- "War Crimes and International Law: The Legacy of Nuremburg," War Crimes and International Law: The Legacy of Nuremburg, Truman Presidential Museum Library, "American Law of War Traditions, Pre-WWI," Independence, MO 07/10/2005.
- "Lawyering for Uncle Sam in a Time of Terror," The Heart of America Association of Legal Paraprofessionals, Kansas City, MO 04/21/2005.
- "A Civil Servant Looks at Administrative Law," Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Kansas City, MO 03/09/2005.
- "Theology and the Use of Force," Sir Thomas More Society, Kansas University, Lawrence, KS, 02/17/2005.
- "Prosecuting War Crimes," The American Inn of Court, Prairie Village, KS 01/18/2005.
- "Preparing to Live in a Changed World," UMKC Honors Class, Kansas City, MO 12/10/2004.
- "A Lawyer's Responsibility in a Time of Terror," Kansas National Guard JAG Conference, Topeka, KS 11/13/2004.
- "By the People: America in the World," PBS Deliberation Day, Kansas City, MO 10/15/2004.
- "Nuremberg and International Law," Nuremberg and International Law Seminar, Truman Presidential Museum and Library, Independence, MO 07/11/2004.
- "World Trade Center," Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City, MO 05/27/2004.
- "Lawyering for Uncle Sam When He Draws His Sword," radio interview on Voice of America, Australian Public Radio, 03/16/2004.
- "Professional Conduct on the Battlefield: My Lai: A Tragedy that Wrought Change," U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO 04/15/2003.
- "Evaluating Risks and Opportunity in a Time of Terror," Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City, MO 03/25/2003.
- "A Plea for a Clausewitzian Dialogue," U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA

04/10/2002.

"Liberty v. Security: Putting Security Into the Equation," League of Women Voters, Kansas City, MO 09/14/2002.

"My Lai: An American Tragedy - The Real 'Lessons' of the Vietnam War: Reflections Twenty-Five Years After the Fall of Saigon," 9/11 and Civil Liberties, Johnson County Community College, 02/20/2002.

Baccalaureate address, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Kansas City, MO 05/11/2001.

"My Lai: An American Tragedy - The Real 'Lessons' of the Vietnam War: Reflections Twenty-Five Years After the Fall of Saigon," Baker Peace Conference, Ohio University, Athena, OH 02/09/2001-02/10/2001.

"Nuremberg - Fifty Years: Accountability and Responsibility," Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO 11/28/2000.

"My Lai: An American Tragedy - The Real 'Lessons' of the Vietnam War: Reflections Twenty-Five Years After the Fall of Saigon," University of Oklahoma School of Law, Norman, OK 11/14/2000.

"Now for the Rest of the Story," Worldwide JAG Conference, Judge Advocate General's School, Charlottesville, VA 10/04/2000.

"Now for the Rest of the Story," University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA 04/28/2000-04/29/2000.

"Military Values and the Profession of Arms," Member of the Core Group at the Anton Myrer Leadership Symposium, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA 02/16/2000-02/18/2000.

"Thirtieth Anniversary of My Lai," National and International News Media, NBC Nightline 03/16/1998, BBC World Service 03/17/1998, Court TV 03/31/1998, and the Johnny Cochran Show 03/31/1998.

"Facing My Lai: 30 Years," University of Indianapolis Symposium, University of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN 03/16/1998.

"War Crimes: Individual or Collective Responsibility?" Third Annual Symposium on Judaism and American Law, Bet Tzedek, Los Angeles, CA 10/28/1997.

"A Foot in Two Professions," University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, KS 04/08/1997.

"The United States and the Use of Force: Ethical Evaluation of Governmental Policy," Spring Honors Seminar, Saint Mary College, Leavenworth, KS 04/03/1997.

"My Lai 25 Years After: Facing the Darkness; Healing the Wounds," Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 12/01/1994-12/03/1994.

"The Rights and Obligations of the Citizen Soldier," Conference on Military Support to Democratization in Europe, Heidelberg, Germany 06/28/1994-06/30/1994.

### **SERVICE**

Chair, Jackson County Ethics Commission

 6 or 7 years: holding it together when the system was getting started and challenged in the courts

Chair, Jackson County Ethics Task Force

\* Task Force drafted an ethics code for the county

International Relations Council

\* Member of the Board; Vice President; President for 2 years

**Business Executives for National Security** 

- \* Task Force on Missouri Preparedness
- \* Task Force working on Ethics Symposium with Command and General Staff College

Kansas City Star Advisory Panel

\* Sat with the Editorial Board for a year and wrote six editorials

Trustee, Command and General Staff Foundation

 Committee to establish an Academic Chair and a three year program on Ethical and Legal Issues in Contemporary Conflict

Member and Elder, Second Presbyterian Church

Member, American Bar Association Standing Committee on Law and National Security

Member, UMKC Chancellor's Community Partnership Self-Study

**UMKC Law School Committees** 

- \* Program Committee
- \* Student Affairs / Readmission Committee
- \* Pro Bono / Public Service Committee
- Honor Code Revision Committee (Chair)

### **HONORS**

Younger Federal Lawyer Award "For distinguished service as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S.A., particularly in his capacity as chief trial counsel and government representative in the My Lai court-martial cases; for discharge of his duties with ability, vigor and dedication consistent with the highest ideals of the legal professions." by Justice William H. Rehnquist, September 13, 1972.

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Community Engagement in 2011

### **Teaching Awards**

- \* Outstanding Professor of the Year in 2003, 2006, and 2010
- \* Elmer F. Pierson Outstanding Teaching Award 2007

Defense Superior Service Medal 1991

Legion of Merit 1988 and 1993

Meritorious Service Medal 1971, 1974, 1977, and 1981

Army Commendation Medal 1969

Bronze Star 1967

### **PERSONAL**

Married 45 years to Marge; two sons, Will and Rob. Four grandchildren. Hobbies include reading at least three newspapers each day, "estate saleing," and theater/concert-going.