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Lecture One: The Global War on Terror and the Practice of Military Law

F. Andrew Turley
Major General, USAFR (retired); General Counsel, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, Department of Defense

Thursday, November 7, 2013


Maj. Gen. Turley’s service in uniform has included assignments with the Air National Guard, culminating in his last assignment as the Ninth Air National Guard Assistant to the Judge Advocate General of the Air Force. Maj. Gen. Turley has deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan in support of operations and has served in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia as an active duty and reserve assignee at the Pentagon. He also served as an adjunct faculty member at the Air Force Judge Advocate Academy at Maxwell for the Air Force Reserve, Alabama, for more than 27 years. He retired from the Air Force Reserve in 2012.

Maj. Gen. Turley received his B.A. in political science from the University of Massachusetts-Boston in 1980 and JD cum laude from the University of Massachusetts–Boston in 1984.

Lecture Two: Protecting the People: A Federal Law Enforcement Perspective

Carmen M. Ortiz
United States Attorney, District of Massachusetts

Thursday, February 13, 2014

Carmen M. Ortiz has dedicated much of her professional career to public service. She earned a B.A. in government from Princeton University in 1988 and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1991. Ms. Ortiz began her legal career in the private sector, but returned to public service in 1996 to serve as an assistant United States Attorney in the District of Massachusetts.

Ms. Ortiz has served as an assistant United States Attorney in Massachusetts for over 28 years. She has represented the United States in federal court, and prosecuted homicides, sexual assaults, robberies, and other felony cases. Ms. Ortiz has served as Chief of the Civil Rights Unit, the Complex Litigation Section, and the Investigations and Prosecutions Unit. She has supervised the work of more than 200 attorneys and support staff in Boston, Worcester, and Springfield.

As the chief federal law enforcement officer in Massachusetts, Ms. Ortiz oversees the provision of all federal criminal and civil matters in which the federal government has an interest. She oversees the work of more than 200 attorneys and support staff in Boston, Worcester, and Springfield.

Ms. Ortiz's top priorities include terrorism and national security, civil rights, and violent crime. She has overseen significant investigations and prosecutions of terrorism and white-collar crime reduction. In 2010, she implemented the district's first civil rights strategy, which included strengthening enforcement of federal civil rights laws, and addressing the impact of structural racism and discrimination on communities of color.

Ms. Ortiz is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Boston Bar Association and the Massachusetts Bar Association. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Legal Services Corporation.

Ms. Ortiz is a graduate of George Washington University Law School (JD) and of the University of Massachusetts-Boston (BBA) in 1980 and JD cum laude from the University of Massachusetts–Boston in 1984.

Lecture Three: Against Oridinal Justice

Intisar Rabb
Associate Professor of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies and Law, New York University School of Law

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Intisar A. Rabb builds a joint appointment at Associate Professor of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies and Law at the NYU School of Law, where she teaches courses in Islamic law, terrorism law, and gender in the modern Middle East. She is the author of The Benefit of Doubt: Legal Maxims in Islamic Law (Cambridge University Press 2012), which argues that legal maxims have been pivotal in Islam's flexible legal tradition, and are a way of understanding the legal order's meaning and effect.

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