

**CAPT Christian Reismeier**  
**Chief Judge, Department of the Navy (Acting)**  
**Judge Advocate General's Corps**

CAPT Reismeier attended aviation officer candidate school in Pensacola, FL in 1984 and was commissioned as an Intelligence Officer. After 6 months of intelligence school, he joined VA-176, an A-6 Intruder squadron based at NAS Oceana, where his work involved tactical and strategic combat mission planning, rules of engagement training and implementation, current intelligence training, and daily flight planning. After two and one-half years with the squadron and deployments aboard the USS FORRESTAL, he transferred to the Pentagon.

While working for the Joint Chiefs of Staff in current intelligence, CAPT Reismeier was selected for the law education program. After earning his JD from George Washington University, he attended NJS in 1992, and then reported to the NLSO in Mayport, FL. After serving as a trial counsel, defense department head, and then senior trial counsel at NLSO Mayport, CAPT Reismeier became the first senior trial counsel in the prototype TSO in Mayport. As the senior prosecutor, he oversaw criminal prosecutions, standards of conduct training, and advocacy training throughout a 13-state region. In 1996, he transferred to Appellate Government, where he served as the National Security Cases Coordinator, Capital Cases Coordinator, Evidence Coordinator, and the head of the Trial Counsel Assistance Program.

In 1998, CAPT Reismeier transferred to Temple University and earned his LL.M. with honors in Trial Advocacy, while working full time as a felony prosecutor at the US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In 1999, he transferred to NLSO Mid-Atlantic in Norfolk as the senior defense counsel. In 2002, he was the Honors Graduate of the 45th Military Judge's Course at the Army JAG School. He served as a military judge in the Southwest Judicial Circuit from 2002 until his transfer to the Tidewater Judicial Circuit in July 2005. After selection to Captain in 2006, he assumed the duties as the Division Director, Criminal Law Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General (Code 20). In 2009, he was assigned as the Executive Secretary for the Detention Policy Task Force, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Task Force staff. He was then appointed as the Chief Judge, Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals in 2010. In 2012, he was assigned as the Chief Judge, Department of the Navy (Acting).

With nearly 100 contested trials as a prosecutor or defense counsel CAPT Reismeier has tried nearly every type of case, including murder, rape, child sexual abuse, child physical abuse, attempted espionage, and arson, and has presided over hundreds of cases as a trial and appellate judge. He has filed over 180 appellate briefs, argued 13 cases before the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals, and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In addition, he has taught at both NJS and the Army JAG School, addressing conferences on National Security Cases, Capital Cases, Instructions, and Voir Dire.