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Law is Mr. Ash’s second career. He was graduated from the Regent University School of Law with a Juris Doctor degree (cum laude) in 1997. He served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Regent University Law Review* and was selected as the 1997 Outstanding Law School Graduate. Prior to attending law school, Mr. Ash served 22 years on active duty as a combat arms officer in the United States Army. His military job assignments included command of an armored cavalry platoon, an armored cavalry troop, and a tank battalion; a tour as an assistant professor of history at West Point; a tour as a Foreign Affairs and Congressional Fellow which culminated in his working for one year as a member of Senator John McCain’s personal staff; a tour as NATO desk officer in the War Plans Division of the Army Staff in the Pentagon where he served as a member of nine official US delegations to NATO and in which capacity he annually testified on behalf of the United States before the NATO Defense Review Committee; and a tour as a strategist working for the Secretary of Defense in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and Plans in the Pentagon.

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Mr. Ash was graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1972, where he received his military commission. Mr. Ash has also done graduate work as an Olmsted Scholar at the University of Zurich in Zurich, Switzerland, and at the Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of the Johns Hopkins University, where he earned a Master of International Public Policy (MIPP) degree. Mr. Ash was a Visiting Fellow, Summer Research Institute, Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford, Summer 2014, and he participated in a Post-Doctoral Programme in Middle East Studies at Exeter College, University of Oxford, Summer 2014, under the tutelage of Professor Farhang Jahanpour and Dr. Gareth Winrow. He is fluent in German.

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Mr. Ash has published the following:

Robert Weston Ash, *Square Pegs and Round Holes: Al-Qaeda Detainees and Common Article 3*, 17 IND. INT’L & COMP. L. REV. 269 (2007).

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*Court: The Statehood Issue,* ” 36 RUTGERS L. REC. 186 (2009).

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Robert W. Ash, *Religious Rights and Military Service*, in ATTITUDES AREN'T FREE: THINKING DEEPLY ABOUT DIVERSITY IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES 99 (James E. Parco & David A. Levy, eds., 2010) (co-authored with Jay Alan Sekulow).

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