



Hon. Bruce Tucker Smith

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Judge Bruce Tucker Smith serves as a Coast Guard Administrative Law Judge in New Orleans, Louisiana. Judge Smith assumed this position in 2007. He hears and decides Merchant Mariner Credential suspension and revocation cases, as well as other cases initiated by the Department of Homeland Security and other agency hearings as assigned by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Prior to becoming an Administrative Law Judge with the Coast Guard, Judge Smith served for twenty-one years on active-duty with the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Judge Advocate. He is a graduate of Squadron Officer School, Command and Staff College, and Air War College. Judge Smith's military assignments include service as an instructor, Staff Judge Advocate, Military Prosecutor, Circuit Defense Counsel, and Military Judge.

Judge Smith's military awards and decorations include: Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC); Air Force Commendation Medal (3 OLC); Air Force Achievement Medal (3 OLC); Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (1 OLC); National Defense Service Medal (1 Device); Global War on Terrorism Medal; Air Force Overseas Long Tour Ribbon; Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon (2 OLC); Air Force Reserve Service Medal (1 Device); and the Air Force Small Arms Marksmanship Ribbon. During his Air Force service, he was named "Outstanding Performer" by the NATO TAC-Eval Team for his USAFE-wide Law of Armed Conflict teaching program and was also named "Officer of the Year" at Blytheville AFB, AR.

A published author, Judge Smith has written numerous articles which have appeared in professional and general-readership journals. His areas of expertise include the Law of Armed Conflict, the Geneva Conventions, and matters related to counter-terrorism and international law. Judge Smith has appeared on national television and radio as an expert in various military legal matters. Additionally, he is the co-author of the novel *Seventh Psalm*, a techno-thriller work of fiction.

Judge Smith received his Juris Doctor, with honors, from The Washburn University School of Law, where he also served as a member of the *Law Journal*. He also holds a Master's of Law in International Law from The Judge Advocate General's School-Army, The University of Virginia. He has extensive teaching experience at the post-graduate level and currently serves on the adjunct faculty of the National Judicial College, University of Nevada-Reno. He is admitted to practice before the state and federal courts in Iowa and Idaho, and the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. His professional affiliations include the American Bar Association – Judicial Division, and the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary.