

# Covington Values Veterans

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Covington actively recruits lawyers with prior military service, who further enrich the diversity of our firm and whose experiences provide valuable perspectives for clients. Our lawyers with prior service practice in a wide-range of practice areas:

## Army

- [Bruce Baird](#) (white collar) served two years in the U.S. Army between his first and second years in law school.
- [Ben Block](#) (litigation) served as an armor officer from 1993 to 1998.
- [Rujul Desai](#) (healthcare) was a Captain (Medical Service Corps) in the U.S. Army Reserves and deployed to Iraq for a combat tour with an infantry unit in 2009.
- Timothy Dill (CFIUS and M&A) served as an active duty officer from 2007 to 2017.
- [Clausen Ely](#) (food & drug) served in the U.S. Army artillery in Vietnam.
- [Ashden Fein](#) (privacy/national security) served for 13 years in the U.S. Army as a military intelligence and JAG officer and serves as a Judge Advocate in the U.S. Army Reserve.
- [Nick Griepsma](#) (litigation) served as an armor officer from 2010 to 2014.
- [Eugene Gulland](#) (arbitration) served as a captain in the U.S. Army.
- [Sandy Hoe](#) (government contracts) served in the National Guard and Reserves from 1970 to 1976, first as a medic in a New Jersey armored unit and then in a Maryland civil affairs unit.
- [Richard Kingham](#) (food & drug) enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1968 and was discharged in 1969 with a service-related disability.
- [Peter Komorowski](#) (litigation & white collar) served as an analyst and translator.
- [Micaela McMurrough](#) (litigation and cybersecurity) served as an intelligence officer.

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## Army cont.

- [Peter Safir](#) (food & drug) served three years in military intelligence as a German translator working for the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence.
- [Dan Spiegel](#) (regulatory & public policy) served in the U.S. Army Reserves for six years with the 2290<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Hospital Division.

## Air Force

- [B.J. Altwater](#) (privacy & cybersecurity/national security) served as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Air Force from 2007-2014. He currently serves as a major in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.
- [Matt Dunn](#) (litigation/white collar and investigations) served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force.
- Gabriel Gates (international arbitration/international trade) served as an active duty intelligence officer in the U.S. Air Force from 2012-2017. He currently serves in the Air Force Reserve.
- [Robert Haslam](#) (IP litigation) served for four and a half years in the Space and Missiles Systems Organization where he supported the U.S. polar orbit satellites.
- [Charles Miller](#) (healthcare) served in an Air National Guard unit activated during the 1961 Berlin Wall crisis.
- [George Pappas](#) (IP litigation) served on active duty as a First Lieutenant with the 459<sup>th</sup> Tactical Airlift Wing.
- Kelsey Shust (litigation) served as a judge advocate in the U.S. Air Force from 2014 to 2021.

## Marines

- David Leapheart (litigation) served as an active duty Marine judge advocate from 2015-2019.
- [Jason Raofield](#) (litigation/antitrust) served from 1989 to 1995 as a Staff Sergeant.

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## Navy

- Sean Bender (insurance & litigation) served as a Naval Reactors Engineer from 2013 to 2018.
- [Dan Farnoly](#) (IP litigation) was a naval aviator from 2007 to 2018 and is still in the U.S. Navy Reserves.
- [David Martin](#) (corporate/securities) served as an active duty line officer on the USS Hawkins (DD 873) and in the Bureau of Naval Personnel.
- Sean Quirk (litigation) served as a surface warfare officer on destroyers in the Indo-Pacific from 2012 to 2017.