

# Drinking From a Poisoned Chalice Post 9/11:

Defending the Rule of Law in  
the Guantanamo Bay Military  
Commissions

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4:30 p.m. | Fitts Auditorium | Penn Law



**SPEAKER**

**BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN G. BAKER**

*U.S. Marine Corps  
Chief Defense Counsel  
Military Commissions Defense Organization  
United States Department of Defense*



**WITH SPECIAL GUEST**

**ALKA PRADHAN**

*Human Rights Counsel,  
Al Baluchi Defense Team,  
Military Commissions Defense Organization  
United States Department of Defense*

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# IRVING R. SEGAL



Irving R. “Buddy” Segal was a leading member of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP in Philadelphia, serving for a number of years as a member of the firm’s Executive Committee. As a renowned trial attorney, he tried complex cases in the fields of antitrust, securities, communications, trade secrets, and ground and air transportation. He served as chief trial counsel for United Parcel Service for approximately 40 years, and represented AT&T and the Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania, NBC, and major film distribution companies. Mr. Segal argued extensively in state and federal appellate courts and lectured widely on the techniques and strategies of trial and appellate practice.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Segal graduated from the Law School first in his class; served on the Law Review’s editorial board, and was elected to the Order of the Coif. He was a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers for three decades and served as a regent and secretary of the College. He was active on the College’s Committee on Federal Civil Procedural Rules and served as a member of the American Bar Association’s Standing Committee on Judicial Selection, Tenure and Compensation, the Standing Committee on Improvements to the Federal Judiciary, and its Commission on Correctional Facilities and Services. He received the 50-year award from the ABA.



# ALKA PRADHAN



Brigadier General Baker’s special guest, Alka Pradhan, is Human Rights Counsel at the Guantanamo Bay Military Commissions, representing one of the 9/11 defendants. She was previously Counter-Terrorism Counsel at Reprieve US, where she represented a number of Guantanamo Bay detainees in litigation involving habeas corpus claims and conditions of detention. She also conducted advocacy and litigation on behalf of civilian victims of the targeted killing (drone) program in Yemen and Pakistan, and has advised the U.S. government on compliance with international legal obligations.

Ms. Pradhan received a BA in International Relations from The Johns Hopkins University, an M.A. in International Law and South Asia Studies from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), a J.D. from Columbia Law School, and an LL.M. in International Human Rights from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Currently, Ms. Pradhan is a Lecturer in Law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

# BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN G. BAKER



Brigadier General John G. Baker is the Chief Defense Counsel (CDC) for the Military Commissions Defense Organization. In his capacity as the CDC, he oversees a joint service and total force staff of more than 156 military and civilian lawyers, paralegals, investigators, intelligence analysts, defense security officers, translators and administrative officers providing the full spectrum trial defense services to GTMO detainees charged under the MCA, to include capital cases.

Prior to his appointment as the CDC for the Military Commissions, General Baker served as the Deputy Director, Judge Advocate Division, for Military Justice and Community Development. He was responsible for oversight of the Marine Corps military justice practice and the professional development of the Marine Corps legal community. General Baker also served as the Marine Corps representative to the Department of Defense's Joint Service Committee on Military Justice. Before serving as Deputy Director, General Baker served as the CDC of the Marine Corps and was responsible for mentoring, training, and supervising all defense attorneys and defense support personnel across the Marine Corps in their litigation of hundreds of courts-martial each year. While serving as the CDC of the Marine Corps, General Baker established the Marine Corps' Defense Services Organization which transformed the delivery of defense counsel to Marines and sailors charged under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Prior to this position General Baker served as the Regional Defense Counsel for the Eastern Region where he mentored and trained Marine Corps defense attorneys at all Marine Corps installations east of the Mississippi and in theater when II Marine Expeditionary Force was forward. General Baker also carried a small case load of complex cases, which included capital murder, serious sexual assaults, and other felonies, as well as allegations of misconduct by senior officers. Before serving as the Regional Defense Counsel-East, General Baker personally participated in several hundred courts-martial and served in a variety of leadership and litigation billets within the Marine Corps legal community, to include Military Judge, Staff Judge Advocate and Law Center Director at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Senior Trial Counsel, Military Justice Officer, Chief Trial Counsel, Special Assistant United States Attorney, and Senior Defense Counsel. Prior to becoming a judge advocate, General Baker served as a supply officer until he was selected to attend law school under the Law Education Program.

Brigadier General Baker is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law (J.D. 1997), Averett University (M.B.A. 1992), and Union College (B.S. 1989). He also holds an LL.M. from The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School (TJAGLCS), U.S. Army (2005). General Baker has been a faculty member for the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorney's Capital Voir Dire Training and has lectured at Yale Law School, University of Pennsylvania School of Law, Pittsburgh School of Law, University of Colorado Law School, the Louisiana Capital Defenders Course, the New York City Bar Association, TJAGLCS, and the Naval Justice School. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit with one gold star, Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.



**PAST  
SEGAL  
LECTURES**

- 2015-16 Harish Salve, *Supreme Court Litigator, former Solicitor General of India*
- 2013-14 Stephen J. Rapp, *Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues*
- 2012-13 Stephen D. Susman, *Founding Partner of Susman Godfrey LLP*
- 2011-12 Thomas Goldstein, *Founding Partner, Goldstein & Russell, P.C.*
- 2010-11 Kenneth Feinberg, *Special Master for TARP Executive Compensation & Former Special Master for the September 11<sup>th</sup> Victim Compensation Fund*
- 2009-10 Seth Waxman, *Former Solicitor General of the United States & Partner, Wilmer Hale LLP*
- 2008-09 Linda Greenhouse, *Pulitzer Prize-winning Supreme Court reporter for the New York Times & Joseph M. Goldstein Senior Fellow in Law at Yale Law School*
- 2006-07 The Honorable A. Raymond Randolph, *United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit*
- 2004-05 Mary Jo White, Esquire, *Debevoise and Plimpton LLP*
- 2003-04 The Honorable Louise Arbour, *Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada*
- 2002-03 Floyd Abrams, Esquire, *Cabill Gordon & Reindel*
- 2001-02 David Boies, Esquire, *Boies Schiller & Flexner LLP*
- 2000-01 Walter E. Dellinger III, Esquire, *Partner, O'Melveny & Myers LLP*
- 1999-00 William G. Paul, Esquire, *Crowe & Dunlevy*
- 1998-99 Martin Lipton, Esquire, *Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz*
- 1996-97 Professor Drew S. Days III, *Yale Law School*
- 1995-96 Brenden V. Sullivan, Jr., Esquire, *Williams & Connolly*  
Professor Drew S. Days III, *Yale Law School*
- 1994-95 The Honorable J. Clifford Wallace, *United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit*  
Robert S. Bennett, Esquire, *Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom*
- 1993-94 Arthur L. Liman, Esquire, *Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison*
- 1992-93 F. Lee Bailey, Esquire, *Baily Fishman & Leonard*
- 1991-92 Kenneth W. Starr, *Solicitor General of the United States*  
The Honorable Cecil Poole, *United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit*
- 1989-90 Shirley M. Hufstедler, Esquire, *Hufstедler Miller Kaus & Beardsley*  
Joan M. Hall, Esquire, *Partner, Jenner & Block*
- 1988-89 Ronald L. Olson, Esquire, *Munger Tolles & Olson*  
The Honorable Lewis F. Powell, Jr., *United States Supreme Court*
- 1987-88 Leon Silverman, Esquire, *Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson*
- 1986-87 The Honorable Simon H. Rifkind, *Senior Partner, Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison*