

## Partner Edward O'Sheehan Selected As Florida National Guard Staff Judge Advocate

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Fort Lauderdale partner Edward O'Sheehan was selected as the Florida Army National Guard's Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) by Major General Michael A. Calhoun, the Adjutant General of Florida. This appointment ranks him as the top military attorney for the Florida Army National Guard and legal advisor to Major General Calhoun.

"Ed's demonstrated skill as both a litigator and ethics counselor makes him the right choice for this important position," said Major General Calhoun in a Florida National Guard Leadership Announcement. "I know he will excel in this important assignment."

Ed, a Lieutenant Colonel, began his service with the Florida Army National Guard in 1993. In 1996, he received a direct commission into the Judge Advocate General Corps and transferred to the 53rd Infantry Brigade. Ed has served as both the Trial Counsel and Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for the 53rd Infantry Brigade. Upon his return from serving in Afghanistan, he served as the Command Judge Advocate for the 50th Area Support Group. In August 2011, Ed was assigned as the Senior Defense Counsel, 1565th Trial Defense Team in St. Augustine, Fla., his last assignment prior to his appointment as Staff Judge Advocate.

### About Edward O'Sheehan

Edward O'Sheehan is a partner in the Fort Lauderdale office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Business Litigation Practice Group and Chair of the firm's Pro Bono Committee. Ed has over 19 years of litigation experience in consumer finance litigation, creditors' rights and bankruptcy, condominium and homeowner association litigation, probate and guardianship litigation, insurance matters, and tax appeals. A former U.S. Marine, Ed is a Lieutenant Colonel and now serves as the Staff Judge Advocate for the Florida Army National Guard. He was recently named by the Office of the Public Guardians as Pro Bono Attorney of the Year for volunteering more than 150 hours to represent the best interests of the wards in guardianship, abuse, neglect, financial exploitation and foreclosure cases.

### About the Army National Guard

The Army National Guard's federal mission is to maintain well-trained, well-equipped combat units available for prompt mobilization during federal military operations such as Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq. During peacetime, these combat-ready units and support units carry out missions compatible with training, mobilization readiness,



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humanitarian and contingency operations. When not mobilized or under federal control, Army National Guard units report to the governor and, under state law, the Army National Guard provides protection of life, property and preserves peace, order and public safety.