

FRANK J. WILLIAMS
REVIEW PANEL MEMBER FOR MILITARY COMMISSIONS

BIOGRAPHY

Frank J. Williams will serve as a member of the review panel for military commissions. Review panel members are responsible for reviewing military commission proceedings. The review panel may consider written and oral arguments by the defense, the prosecution and the government of the nation of which the accused is a citizen. If the review panel finds that a material error of law occurred, the review panel will return the case for further proceedings, including dismissal of charges. The review panel may also make recommendations to the secretary of defense with respect to the disposition of the case before it, including sentencing matters.

Williams is the chief justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court. Prior to serving as the chief justice, he served from 1995 to 2001 as an associate justice of the Superior Court of Rhode Island. Williams also served as a captain in the Army during the Vietnam war and was awarded the Combat Infantrymen's Badge, the Bronze Star and from the Republic of Vietnam, the Gallantry Cross with Silver Star for Valor.

Since 1996, Williams has served as founding chairman of The Lincoln Forum, a national assembly of individuals interested in Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War era, and since 1990 he has served as president of the Ulysses S. Grant Association.

Williams earned his law degree in 1970 from Boston University and earned a master's degree in taxation from Bryant College in 1986.

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