

BIOGRAPHY

Brigadier Darren Stewart OBE

**Head, Operational Law
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Brigadier Stewart has served in a number of appointments during his career in the Army Legal Services including operational, prosecution and training posts. He deployed to Kosovo in 1999 as the legal adviser to Commander British Forces. Over the period 2000 - 2003 whilst serving at the UK Permanent Joint Headquarters, Brigadier Stewart saw further operational duty in Sierra Leone, the Balkans, the Middle East and Afghanistan acting as the legal adviser to Commanders of British Forces in each of these theatres.

Brigadier Stewart was posted to SHAPE in 2003 as the Assistant Legal Adviser (UK) with responsibility for providing legal advice on Host Nation and Logistic matters across NATO including participating in the production of various NATO policy documents and negotiating a Strategic Airlift MOU with the Russian Federation. From 2005 – 2006 he also served as the Commander Legal, Headquarters Northern Ireland where he was heavily involved in legal issues associated with the normalisation process in Northern Ireland, including the development of UK legislation relating to enduring military support to civil authorities.

In August 2006 Brigadier Stewart was posted to Headquarters Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (HQ ARRC) and deployed to Afghanistan as the Chief Legal Adviser, HQ International Security Assistance Force for Afghanistan (ISAF) from August 2006 – March 2007. In 2009 Brigadier Stewart was appointed Director of the Military Department, International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Sanremo Italy. Brigadier Stewart served as Chief of Staff, Directorate of Army Legal Services at Army Headquarters Andover and subsequently Assistant Director Administrative Law from 2012 – 2015. He was appointed Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff – Legal, Headquarters Field Army in November 2015. Brigadier Stewart assumed his current appointment as of Head of Operational Law for the British Army in October 2016. In May 2012 Brigadier Stewart was appointed on a part time basis to the judicial appointment of Assistant Coroner for Inner West London (Westminster) and in September 2015 he was appointed an Assistant Coroner for the County of Surrey. Brigadier Stewart was elected to the Council of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in March 2017 and as Vice President of the International Society of Military Law and the Law of War (ISMILLW) in 2018.

