

## Biography

### **Lieutenant Colonel David Antonyshyn**

Assistant Director of Military Prosecutions, Canadian Armed Forces



Lieutenant-Colonel David Antonyshyn enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1990 as a reservist in an armoured regiment, where he served until 1998. A 1995 graduate from the Université de Montréal Law School, he was admitted to the Québec Bar in 1996 after having articulated as a prosecutor in criminal and penal law. In 1998, after a brief stint as a general legal practitioner, he joined the Office of the Judge Advocate General (JAG), the legal advisor to the Canadian Armed Forces and the Department of National Defence in matters on military law, including operational law. He served in a number of positions within the Office of the JAG, notably as legal advisor to Canadian Special Operations Forces, to the Strategic Joint Staff, as Director of International and Operational Law, as Assistant to the Deputy Judge Advocate General in charge of operational law and as Special Assistant to the JAG. He also practiced in criminal/disciplinary law: as defence counsel between 2001 and 2003 and as Assistant Director of Military Prosecutions since May 2015, appearing before a number of courts martial, the Court Martial Appeal Court and the Supreme Court of Canada. He deployed twice to Bosnia, once as the legal advisor to the Canadian Contingent of NATO's Stabilization Force (SFOR), and once as one of the legal advisors to the Commander and staff of SFOR. He has also served on missions in Afghanistan and Lebanon. He holds a Master of Laws degree (LL.M.) from the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa, where he focussed on issues of international human rights law (IHRL), the law of armed conflict/international humanitarian law (LOAC/IHL), and international criminal law. In addition to providing instruction to other JAG officers and others within the Canadian Armed Forces on operational law, LOAC/IHL and IHRL, Lieutenant-Colonel Antonyshyn has been an instructor and class leader on the Senior Workshop on International Rules governing Military Operations organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross, and on the Swiss Armed Forces' international workshop on the role of commanders in the implementation of LOAC, IHRL and Rules of Engagement (ROE) in military field operations. He also taught at the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in San Remo and has been a guest lecturer at the Université Laval, the University of Ottawa and the Royal Military Academy of Belgium.