

# GRADY O. MORTON, JR.

## EDUCATION

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- Georgia State University School of Law** Atlanta, Georgia
- Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*; with Highest *pro bono* Distinction
- The Air War College** Montgomery, Alabama
- Master of Strategic Studies
- United States Air Force Academy** Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics

## EXPERIENCE

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- 1997-2020 **Delta Air Lines** Atlanta, Georgia  
*Captain*
- Captain, MD-88 and B-737; First Officer, Boeing 777, 767, 757, 737, MD-88
  - Line Qualification Pilot—Certified Delta pilots to operate into and out of certain high-risk airports
- 2014-2018 **Alabama Air National Guard** Montgomery, Alabama  
*State Staff Judge Advocate (Military Attorney)*
- Retired effective July 1, 2018 at the rank of Colonel (O-6)
  - Senior legal advisor to the Commander, Alabama Air National Guard
  - Supervisory responsibility over five junior Judge Advocates and support staff in two wings
- 2009-2014 **United States Air Force Reserve** Multiple Locations  
*Staff Judge Advocate*
- Chief, Rule of Law, United States Forces in Afghanistan (2010)
  - Adjunct Professor of Law, Defense Institute of International Legal Studies
  - Awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Air Force Combat Action Medal, Army Combat Action Badge
- 2008-2012 **Morton Law Firm, LLC** Atlanta, Georgia  
*Attorney/Owner/Manager*
- Trial Lawyer—Litigated over fifty cases to resolution via settlement, mediation, or trial
- 1989-1997 **United States Air Force** Worldwide  
*Fighter Pilot, Instructor Pilot, and Mission Commander: F-16 Fighting Falcon*
- Veteran of 63 armed combat missions in Southwest Asia
  - Recipient of four Air Medals for actions in combat
  - Multiple assignments and deployments throughout Europe, Asia, Central America, and the United States

## LAW-RELATED AWARDS, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE:

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- Attorneys' Title Guaranty Scholarship; Litigation Honors Award; CALI Excellence Awards (#1 student in class) in four law school classes
- Judicial internships with Justice Hugh P. Thompson, Supreme Court of Georgia; and Judge John J. Goger, Superior Court of Fulton County
- 2010 Harmon Award winner—#1 JAG in entire Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard

## MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS:

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- State Bar of Georgia—Active member in good standing since May 2008 (Georgia Bar No. 386103)
- United States Air Force Academy Association of Graduates—Life Member
- National Eagle Scout Association—Life Member
- Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association—Life Member
- Georgia licensed real estate agent (inactive)
- Senior Pilot, United States Air Force

## BAR AND COURT MEMBERSHIPS:

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- Georgia Superior and State Courts
- Georgia Court of Appeals
- Supreme Court of Georgia
- United States Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals
- United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces