



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CAPTAIN KRISTA J. GOULD

Captain Krista J. Gould is Chief of Operations Law for the 28th Bomb Wing, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota. As Chief of Operations Law, Capt Gould supports Air Force Global Strike Command by providing legal services to and advising both the largest B-1B Lancer combat wing in the U.S. Air Force and the bed-down of the B-21 Raider, the first strategic bomber in over thirty years. She also supports Air Combat Command by advising the 89th Attack Squadron, which employs MQ-9 Reaper aircraft to provide combatant commanders with precision reconnaissance capabilities for time critical targets, air interdiction, close air support, and strike coordination. Captain Gould is also responsible for delivering comprehensive legal services to over 12,000 service and family members, civilians, and retirees.



Captain Gould graduated from the University of Colorado Boulder in May 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. She then earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Colorado Law School in December 2021, and was admitted to the Colorado Bar in 2022. Captain Gould was selected for the Air Force JAG Corps One-Year College Program and earned her commission through the Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFROTC), commissioning into the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) in May 2022 and entering active duty in December 2022.

Prior to her current assignment, Capt Gould served as an enlisted Fire Controlman (Aegis) in the U.S. Navy for six years, where she inspected, tested, aligned, and repaired computer systems and peripheral equipment, network systems, data conversion equipment, data display equipment, data link terminal equipment, and power conversion and auxiliary systems. She deployed onboard guided missile destroyer USS Halsey (DDG 97) in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations from 2014-2015, supporting security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

EDUCATION

2019 Bachelor of Arts, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO
2021 AFROTC Field Training, Camp Shelby, MS
2021 Juris Doctor, University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, CO
2023 Judge Advocate Staff Officer Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 2022 – Present, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate (Chief of Operations Law; Chief of Legal Assistance), 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, SD

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist Pin
Navy "E" Ribbon
National Defense Service Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Sea Service Deployment Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant (IRR)	08 May 2022
First Lieutenant	12 December 2022
Captain	21 November 2023

(Current as of December 2023)