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Colonel (COL) Michael J. Scionti serves as Commander of the 8th Legal Operations Detachment headquartered in Independence, Missouri, and is responsible for planning, developing, and supervising all unit administration, training, and logistical operations in developing functionally, tactically, and physically ready judge advocates and paralegals for Active Army and Army Reserve Component missions in support of global contingency operations.

COL Scionti earned his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Florida State University and his Juris Doctor from South Texas College of Law. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the U.S. Army Intelligence Center Basic and Advance Courses, and the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Legal Center Basic and Advance Courses.

Prior to his current assignment, COL Scionti served as Commander of the 139th Legal Operations Detachment. Other assignments included: Deputy Commander, 139th Legal Operations Detachment; Senior Legal Advisor, U.S. Special Operations Command; International Law Team Chief, 350th Civil Affairs Command; National Security Law Team Chief, 174th Legal Operations Detachment; Senior Legal Advisor, U.S. Army Reserve Legal Command; and Administrative Law Team Chief, 174th Legal Operations Detachment.

In 2007, COL Scionti was assigned to U.S. Central Command and deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom where he served as an Intel Law Officer for Joint Intelligence Operation Command - Afghanistan (JIOC-A). In 2003, COL Scionti was assigned to the 3d Infantry Division and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom where he served as an International and Operational Law Officer and later assigned to Combined Joint Task Force 7 (CJTF-7) where he served as a Military Magistrate presiding over military-commissioned tribunals of suspected enemy prisoners of war, unlawful combatants, and international terrorists.

COL Scionti also serves as a Circuit Court Judge in the State of Florida's Thirteenth Judicial Circuit and is currently assigned to the Circuit Criminal Division presiding over Veterans Treatment Court and other drug and mental health problem-solving courts. Prior to his judicial service, COL Scionti served as a Senior Diplomat and Foreign Policy Advisor with the U.S. Department of State overseeing rule of law advancements and counter-terrorism prosecutions in Kabul, Afghanistan. COL Scionti also served as a Deputy Assistant Secretary with the U.S. Department of Defense overseeing legislative affairs for intergovernmental and homeland defense policy in Washington, DC.

COL Scionti's military honors include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, and various other individual medals and awards.