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Military Justice Systems as a Vehicle for the Promotion of Human Rights: Operational Settings, Peacekeeping, and Transitional Justice

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Colonel Michael Gibson joined the Canadian Forces in 1980. He initially flew as an Air Navigator in the Royal Canadian Air Force doing passenger, cargo, VIP and air-to-air refueling missions. Since becoming a Legal Officer, he has been prosecution, defence, and appellate counsel, and has had significant involvement in recent legislation affecting the military justice system as policy architect, instructing counsel for the drafting of legislation, and as a witness before Parliamentary committees. He has also published several articles on international human rights law and the administration of justice by military tribunals.

Colonel Gibson has served in a variety of field and headquarters positions, including Director of Military Justice Policy and Research, and Director of International and Operational Law. He has done numerous operational deployments abroad, including being Deputy Legal Advisor at the NATO SFOR Headquarters in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Senior Military Law Advisor for the Rule of Law Unit of MONUC, the United Nations Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He is currently the Deputy Judge Advocate General Military Justice, responsible for military justice policy, legislative reform and strategic initiatives concerning the Canadian military justice system.

Colonel Gibson is a graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada (Honours B.A. Political Science and History), the University of Toronto Faculty of Law (LL.B.) and the London School of Economics and Political Science (M.Sc. International Relations, and LL.M. Public International Law). He is called to the Bar in Ontario.