

## **Charles H. Stockton Professor of International Law**

Brigadier-General (Ret'd) Ken Watkin, OMM, CD, QC (Ret'd) is the Charles H. Stockton Professor of International Law at the U.S. Naval War College for 2011-2013. In April 2010 he retired as the Judge Advocate General for the Canadian Forces after 33 years of military service including 28 years as a military legal officer. His research and teaching interests include the interface between international humanitarian law and human rights law and the law of targeting, organized armed groups, counterinsurgency and "small wars".

Professor Watkin received a B.A.(Hons) from the Royal Military College of Canada and an LLB and LLM from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario Canada. From 2002 to 2003 he was a visiting fellow at the Human Rights Program, Harvard University.

While in the military he served in a variety of operational, military justice and general legal advisory positions, including being responsible for the provision of operational law advice in respect of Canadian Forces air, sea and land operations following the 9/11 attacks, first as the Deputy Judge Advocate General/Operations and then as the Judge Advocate General. He was the legal advisor to a 1993 Canadian civilian/military board of inquiry that investigated the activities of the Canadian Airborne Regiment Battle Group in Somalia and from 1995 until 2005 was Government counsel in respect of various investigations and inquiries arising from the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. After his retirement he served as a Foreign Observer to the Israeli Independent Commission investigating the 31 May 2010 Gaza Blockade incident.

Since 2003 he has been a participant in a number of international projects designed to clarify international law as it applies to contemporary armed conflict such as the 2009 *Harvard Manual on International Law Applicable to Air and Missile Warfare* and the 2009 International Committee of the Red Cross study: *Interpretive Guidance on the Notion of Direct Participation in Hostilities under International Humanitarian Law*. He is presently a member of a group of experts writing a *Manual on International Law Applicable to Cyber Conflict* sponsored by the NATO affiliated Tallin Cooperative Cyber Defence Center of Excellence.

In 2002 Professor Watkin was appointed to the Order of Military Merit and in 2006 was appointed Queen's Counsel. In 2010 he received the Canadian Bar Association (CBA) President's Award which recognizes the significant contribution of a Canadian jurist to the legal profession, to the CBA or to the public life of Canada. He is also the recipient of the Canadian Maritime Commander's Commendation for his service as legal advisor to the Canadian Navy. Professor Watkin is a published author in areas of international humanitarian law and human rights law.