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Before joining Ohio Northern, Dan served for twenty-two years as an active-duty Army officer, first as a combat engineer and later as a judge advocate. He had two combat deployments and a Strategy Fellowship with the Chief of Staff of the Army at the Pentagon. He advised senior Army commanders, coached foreign partner nation military lawyers in international law and the law of armed conflict, prosecuted felony-level cases at courts-martial, argued appellate cases before the Army Court of Criminal Appeals and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and served as the chief prosecutor at a large midwestern Army installation, supervising and mentoring six junior prosecutors. His most recent military assignments included teaching constitutional and criminal law at the U.S. Military Academy (West Point) for three years and teaching various national security law subjects at The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in Charlottesville, Virginia, for two years.

Originally from Maryland, Dan grew up in an Army family and lived in seven states and Italy. During his military service, he lived in another five states and Italy a second time. He earned his B.A. from James Madison University, where he was an ROTC scholarship recipient and a Distinguished Military Graduate. He earned his J.D. from The Ohio State University under a scholarship from the Army's Funded Legal Education Program after his first combat tour, and later his LL.M. from The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School. He is licensed to practice in Ohio and is also a member of the bars of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and the U.S. Supreme Court.