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Dru Brenner-Beck is an attorney based in Highlands Ranch, Colorado. She specializes in international law, the law of armed conflict, and the Guantánamo military commissions. She began her career in the U.S. Army as a Military Intelligence officer and later became a member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps. During her time as a Judge Advocate, LTC (Ret.) Brenner-Beck served globally as a prosecutor, administrative law attorney, and Army litigator and held positions as the Chief of Military and Civil Law for the U.S. Army in Europe, as well as Deputy General Counsel for the Department of the Army Inspector General.



After retiring from the Army, she served as a law clerk to The Honorable Carlos F. Lucero of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and later continued as his career clerk. Brenner-Beck has authored numerous book chapters and legal articles on international humanitarian law, U.S. treaty practice, and military and criminal law issues.

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As lead counsel for the Houston "Mutiny/Riot" Clemency Initiative, she successfully obtained clemency for 110 African American soldiers convicted between 1917 and 1918, overturning all convictions and recognizing their service as honorable. This effort marked the largest grant of clemency in U.S. Army history.

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