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Speaker Biographies

John S. Cooke is the Director of the Federal Judicial Center. Before his appointment in September 2018 as the Center's eleventh director, he served as director of the Center's Judicial Education Division from 1998-2004, director of the consolidated Education Division, 2004-2005, and as Deputy Director, 2005-2018.

From 1972 to 1998, Cooke served in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, from which he retired as a brigadier general. His last assignment, 1995-1998, was as Chief Judge, U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals and Commander, U.S. Army Legal Services Agency. From 1993-1995 he was the senior Army lawyer in Europe, responsible for legal advice and services for the Army throughout Europe. During his career, he served as a trial counsel (prosecutor), defense counsel, and military (trial) judge. He was also an instructor in criminal law and later Academic Director and Deputy Commandant at The Judge Advocate General's School. Other assignments included Staff Judge Advocate, 25th Infantry Division, and Chief of the JAGC Personnel, Plans and Training Office. From 1980-84 he was Chair of the Working Group of the Joint Service Committee on Military Justice, in which capacity he led a team that drafted the *Manual for Courts-Martial, 1984*, and several amendments to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

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Dr. Tomkins received a B. A. degree from Boston University (1975) with a joint major in Psychology and Philosophy. He earned a J. D. and Ph.D. in Social Psychology from Washington University in St. Louis in 1984. He joined the faculty of the Law/Psychology Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1986. Prior to coming to UNL, Dr. Tomkins was a Research Associate at the Federal Judicial Center, a Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and a Research Assistant Professor at St. Louis University. He also has served as a Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Southampton (England) and as a Visiting Scholar of Psychology at Yonsei University (Seoul, Korea). In 2005-06 Tomkins served as William J. Clinton Distinguished Fellow at the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service, and in 2011 he served as a Franklin Fellow with the U.S. Department of State.

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