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Following completion of the Netherlands' Royal Military Academy and several operational postings, Brig Gen Spijk (1956) read constitutional and administrative law at Leiden University and graduated *cum laude* in 1990.

Having gained experience in the fields of operational law and personnel & organizational policy, he was promoted to Brigadier General in 2004 and appointed Director, Personnel Policy, at the Ministry of Defence in The Hague.

In 2006 Brig Gen Spijk was appointed Netherlands' Contingent Commander in Kabul, Afghanistan. In 2007 he became Member of the Royal College for Defence Studies and read International Studies at King's College. (London, UK)

Subsequently, he was appointed Director Manpower and Personnel Policy at NATO's Allied Command Operations, SHAPE, Belgium.

In 2011 Brig Gen Spijk was appointed Head of the Military Legal Services (TJAG) of the Netherlands' Armed Forces, Deputy Director of the Directorate of Legal Affairs (MoD) and senior Military Judge in the Military Chamber of the Court of Appeals. Following his retirement from active duty, February 2013, he was awarded the Decoration of Merit (in Gold), for his contributions to the Legal and Personnel Policy domains of the Ministry of Defence.

From 2012 until 2018, Brig Gen Spijk was President of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War, after previous terms as Vice President & Seminar Director. In May 2018 he was elected Honorary President.

Brig Gen Spijk currently chairs Advisory Boards for the minister of Defence and the minister of the Interior of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. He is President of the Netherlands' Military Law Review editorial board, Chairman of the Great Lakes Legad Program Supervisory Board and a Visiting Fellow at the Netherlands' Defence Academy. Brig Gen Spijk is married to Dr. Wendy Broesder Spijk.

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