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

Subsequently, appointed Director Manpower and Personnel Policy at Allied Command Operations, SHAPE, Belgium (2008 – 2011), he oversaw the reorganization of ACO's Peacetime and Crisis Establishments, including the ISAF HQ's in Afghanistan.

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 at the MoD in The Hague and senior military judge in the Military Chamber of the Court of Appeals in Arnhem. He retired from active duty, February 2013.

May 2012, Brig Gen Spijk was elected President of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War, at the Quebec City Congress. In preceding years, Brig Gen Spijk had been the Society's Vice President & Seminar Director.

Brig Gen Spijk currently chairs several Advisory Boards for the minister of Defence of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. He is Chairman of the Netherlands' Military Law Review editorial board and a Visiting Fellow at the Netherlands' Defence Academy.

Brig Gen Spijk is married to Dr Wendy Broesder Spijk. (Current as of January, 2014.)