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Brigadier General Jaime A. Areizaga serves as the Principal Deputy General Counsel, National Guard Bureau, Office of the General Counsel, where he is a legal advisor to the Chief, National Guard Bureau (NGB) and the Senior Leaders of the National Guard. BG Areizaga oversees and manages the General Counsel's core legal functions, including Operational and Administrative Law, Contract and Fiscal Law, Strategic Engagement, Environmental and Real Property Law, and legal services provided to the Army and Air National Guard Directorates. He also oversees the National Guard Special Victims' Counsel Program and serves as Chairman of the Legal Services Advisory Group. BG Areizaga most recently served as the Special Assistant to the NGB General Counsel, where he led key outreach and Senior Leader engagements across the 54 National Guards.

BG Areizaga commissioned from the ROTC Program at Georgetown University in 1991, where he graduated with honors from the School of Foreign Service. Following his graduation from Stanford Law School, he transferred to the Judge Advocate General's Corps and joined the District of Columbia Army National Guard (DCARNG). He began his military legal career as a Legal Assistance Judge Advocate and Defense Counsel, then served as Senior Defense Counsel and Staff Judge Advocate of the DCARNG. BG Areizaga served as Commander of the NGB Legal Support Office and as Commander of the DCARNG's 352d Trial Defense Service Team. In addition to a prior mobilization as NGB's Principal Deputy General Counsel in 2022, BG Areizaga served as Chief of the Army National Guard Trial Defense Service from 2018 to 2021.

In BG Areizaga's civilian capacity, he has experience in the private and public sectors. He began his civilian legal career practicing international law for twelve years with large U.S. law firms, including eight years in Brazil focusing on cross border infrastructure projects. Prior to his mobilization in 2025, he served as Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals. He previously served as Deputy Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs for the Commonwealth of Virginia, and as a White House Fellow in the Treasury Department from 2007 to 2008.

BG Areizaga, born and raised in Puerto Rico, received a Master's in Defense and Security from the Inter-American Defense College at Ft. McNair, a Master's in Latin American Studies from Stanford University, and a Master's from the National Academy of Political and Strategic Studies of Chile. He is fluent in Spanish, Portuguese, and French and conversational in Italian.