



WHO WE ARE

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Dr. Michelle Ross joined Martin, Blanck & Associates as a Partner for Biodefense and Public Health Programs after retiring from 21 years of active service in the U.S. Army Medical Department, Veterinary Corps.

Dr. Ross is an internationally recognized leader and expert in chemical, biological and radiological / nuclear (CBRN) threat countermeasures and public health strategies in response to both infectious disease outbreaks and counterterrorism. Her experience and subject matter expertise contributed to significant new biomedical defense strategies and countermeasure development for the Department of Defense, in coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Homeland Security, the Homeland Security Council, and International Partners in prevention, detection, and public health mitigation responses for both military and civilian populations.

For the past 15 years, Dr. Ross has been a leader in CBRN Medical Defense in positions from the laboratory bench to developing national defense policy. Some of her key assignments include Director of Medical Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Defense Policy for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, advising the Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs on developing policies and programs for the prevention of mortality and morbidity and furthering individual health protection for all U.S. Forces against CBRN threat agents.

Dr. Ross served as the Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Research Institute of Chemical Defense, the nation's premier chemical defense laboratory, and was responsible for biological and chemical safety operations and regulation. Earlier, she was the CBRN Medical Advisor to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency. Dr. Ross was selected to be the Veterinary Comparative Medical Consultant to the Surgeon General of the U.S. Army and the Advisor in Physiology to the Assistant Surgeon General for Veterinary Services. Colonel Ross is a recipient of the Surgeon General's "A" Proficiency Designator in Comparative Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Ross was selected in 2002 as one of ten international Women to Watch by the Jewish Women International and as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women of 2005.

Dr. Ross continues to be a speaker and consultant at numerous medical, professional and government and university conferences and holds an academic appointment as Adjunct Associate Professor at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. She has authored over 35 scientific and technical publications, including a chapter in the soon to be released Medical Management of Chemical Casualties textbook.

Dr. Ross received her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine and a Master's of Science in Physiology from Colorado State University and a Ph.D. in Physiology from the John Burns School of Medicine, the University of Hawaii.