

MARY J. COUNTS

Mary retired from the FBI in 2007 after twenty nine years of conducting and leading criminal investigations as a Special Agent and a Supervisory Special Agent in six different FBI Field Divisions and FBIHQ. A dedicated and passionate investigator, Mary was repeatedly recognized for her ability to manage all aspects of complex cases to include the effective and timely use of intelligence and source information; the thorough documentation and reporting of these investigations; and, her ability to forge solid working relationships with other law enforcement entities.

Mary currently serves as a Special Investigator with the FBI's Background Investigation Contract Services Unit, conducting sensitive investigations on employees and candidates for employment requiring security clearances, a position she has held for the past twelve years.

The granddaughter, daughter, and mother of United States Service Members, (Navy, Army, and United States Marines Corps, respectively), Mary welcomed the opportunity to serve as a Special Consultant to the Fort Hood Independent Review Committee. In this role, she personally interviewed more than 100 servicewomen stationed at Fort Hood, many of whom were victims of sexual assault and sexual harassment. She is honored to appear before the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

Mary earned a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1978. She currently resides in Charlotte, North Carolina.