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He was a Distinguished Military Graduate of his Officer Candidate School class and served with the 26th Field Artillery as a platoon leader and later commanded Headquarters Battery 868th Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Bragg.

Mr. Isbell graduated from Yale Law School in 1956 and soon headed a pilot study for the United States Commission on Civil Rights to help determine the extent of racial discrimination in connection with the administration of justice. In 1961 the Commission issued a report on the status of civil rights, of which he served as one of the authors and the editor of the entire five volume report.

He became a partner in the Covington and Burling Law firm in 1965 and later spent thirteen years with the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program as a founding member and Chairman of the Executive Board. The organization was put together by four veteran's service organizations to recruit and train lawyers in veterans law and to place them with cases involving appeals to the U.S. Court of Veterans Claims. Veterans and their survivors who cannot afford or find qualified persons to present their cases are represented without charge by one of the more than 2000 contributing lawyers.

Mr. Isbell was presented the Thurgood Marshall Award by the D.C. Bar in 2006 for his exemplary legal career devoted to service in the public interest which has made a significant difference in the quality of American Justice.