# *Victims' Appellate Rights*
# *Timeline of Events*

**April 8, 2016**

The JPP heard testimony from the SVC/VLC Program Managers identifying issues affecting victims in appellate proceedings.

**Sept. 23 and Oct. 14, 2016**

The JPP heard testimony from appellate judges, appellate defense and government counsel, and civilian attorneys on victims' appellate rights.

**Nov. 18, 2016**

**The JPP decided the following:**

**Recommendation 39 - Establish uniform procedures for R.C.M. 1103A, but do not require in camera review.**

**Recommendation 40 - Require formal procedures to provide victims with notice of significant appellate matters and provide victims with appellate pleadings/briefs.**

**Recommendation 41 - Not enact Section 547, which would grant victims standing in post-conviction appellate proceedings.**

**Recommendation 42 - Allow victims to appeal to CAAF if a CCA denies their petition for a writ of mandamus.**

**Nov. 29, 2016**

The Joint Services Committee (JSC) released a proposed amendment to R.C.M. 1103A.

**Dec. 2016 - Jan. 2017**

The JPP issued an RFI requesting feedback on the Air Force practice for appellate counsel review of sealed materials. The Services responded in January.

**Jan. 2017**

The JPP received multiple public comments from appellate defense counsel, victims' attorneys, and members of the public, many of which focus on R.C.M. 1103A and the JSC proposal.

**Feb. 24, 2017**

The JPP held a public meeting to deliberate on its final recommendations.

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