

**Judicial Proceedings Panel
November 18, 2016 Public Meeting**

Biographies of Presenters

**Joint Service Committee on Military Justice Update on Revisions to the Manual for Courts-Martial
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**

Colonel William N. Pigott, Jr. assumed the duties as the Deputy Director of the U.S. Marine Corps Judge Advocate Division in August 2015. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Literature from Lewis University and was commissioned in 1990. Following The Basic School and Logistics School, Colonel Pigott reported to 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina where he served as the battalion logistics officer. In January 1996, he was selected for the Funded Legal Education Program. After receiving his law degree from The John Marshall Law School in 1999, he graduated from the Naval Justice School and was certified a judge advocate. His assigned duties included: defense counsel, senior defense counsel, trial counsel, senior trial counsel and officer-in-charge of Legal Team Delta – one of the two trial teams responsible for prosecuting courts-martial for commands at Camp Pendleton. In May 2007, he assumed command of Region 2 (Near East and South Asia), Marine Corps Embassy Security Group, Abu Dhabi, UAE. In August 2009, Colonel Pigott reported to Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania and earned a MS in national security and strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College. From August 2012 to August 2015 he supported the Commanding General of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific as SJA.

Deliberation on Victims' Appellate Rights

10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Colonel (Retired) William 'Bill' Orr, Jr. is the Chief, Strategic Military Justice Legislation and Policy for the United States Air Force Judiciary, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. He is the key coordinator and advisor on military justice legislation issued by Congress, the President via Executive Order and the Department of Defense. Before assuming his current position, he served as the chief appellate military judge on the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals. During his tenure he was appointed by the Secretary of Defense to serve as an appellate judge, United States Court of Military Commission Review to consider and rule upon appeals submitted by the detainees held at the Naval Base Guantanamo, Cuba. Colonel Orr accepted a direct commission as a first lieutenant and entered the United States Air Force in 1982. He received his Juris Doctor degree from Ohio Northern University. He is admitted to practice before all courts in the state of Ohio, the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the United States Supreme Court.

Captain Andrew House, U.S. Navy, is currently assigned as the Director, Navy Marine Corps Appellate Defense Division, in Washington D.C. He received his Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and was commissioned in the U.S. Navy in 1997. Past duty assignments include: Legal Assistance Counsel, Defense Counsel, Staff Judge Advocate, Officer in Charge Naval Legal Service Office (NLSO) Pacific, Command Judge Advocate, Commanding Officer NLSO Central,

Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General for Legal Assistance, and Deputy Chief of Staff for the Navy Victims' Legal Counsel Program.

Mr. Stephen McCleary was an active duty Navy judge advocate who served as both defense counsel and trial counsel. He was a staff judge advocate twice: for the Coast Guard's enlisted training center (boot camp) in Cape May, New Jersey and for a DoD Joint command in Key West, Florida. He was a military judge for five years. From 2008 to 2011 he was the Chief of the Office of Military Justice and in that role was the Coast Guard's Voting Group member on the Joint Service Committee and the Chief of the Appellate Government Division. He was the Executive Assistant to the Judge Advocate General from 2011 until his retirement in 2014. From 2014 until October of this year he has been a civilian in the Office of Military Justice where he continues to work with the Joint Service Committee and supervises the Coast Guard's Appellate Government counsel. At present he is detailed to the Department of Homeland Security Office of the General Counsel as the Deputy Chief of Staff and Deputy Managing Counsel.

Lieutenant Colonel Mary Catherine Vergona has been a member of the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps for almost 19 years. Currently, she is the Chief, Policy Branch, with the Army Criminal Law Division. Previous criminal law experiences include being a trial counsel with 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood Texas; appellate defense counsel with the Army Court of Criminal Appeals; a commissioner with the Army Court of Criminal Appeals; Chief of Justice (lead prosecutor) with 1st Armored Division, Wiesbaden Germany; and Regional Defense Counsel (lead defense counsel) for Korea and Japan. She was stationed in Germany for 23 months, deployed to Iraq as a brigade judge advocate for 12 months, and stationed in Korea for 24 months.

Lieutenant Colonel Angela Wissman is currently the Deputy Officer-in-Charge of the U.S. Marine Corps' Victims' Legal Counsel Organization. Previously, she served as Branch Head of the Judge Advocate Division's Military Justice Branch. She has served numerous other legal billets during her time in the Marine Corps. She provided command legal advice to commands within Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North. Additional billets include serving in Research and Civil Law Branch of Judge Advocate Division and serving as a trial counsel, defense counsel, and legal assistance attorney.