

**Judicial Proceedings Panel Subcommittee
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**Article 120, Uniform Code of Military Justice
Abuse of Authority/Coercive Sexual Offenses
& Deliberations on Article 120 Issues
Speaker Biographies**

**Prosecution Perspectives: Abuse of Power/Coercive Sexual Offenses
(Issues 12-17)**

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Major Mary Ellen Payne, United States Air Force, is an Appellate Counsel with the Government Trial and Appellate Division at Joint Base Andrews, MD. She represents the United States in cases before the United States Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. Major Payne has previously served as Deputy Chief of Military Justice, Area Defense Counsel and Senior Trial Counsel. Major Payne graduated from New York University School of Law.

Major Adam King, United States Marine Corps, is the Senior Trial Counsel, Legal Services Support Team Parris Island, South Carolina. Major King supervises a team of prosecutors who investigate and prosecute cases arising from both Recruiting and Recruit Training ("Boot Camp") commands. Major King has also served as a defense counsel for clients who were assigned to training commands. His areas of special training, experience, and professional interest include trial advocacy, military justice, and collaboration with military and civilian law enforcement. Major King holds a Juris Doctor degree from the Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law and a Master of Laws degree with a specialty in Criminal Law from The Judge Advocate General's School, United States Army.

Major Tyler Heimann, United States Army, served as the first special victim prosecutor for the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, one of the Army's largest training installations. In this position, he oversaw all sexual assault prosecutions including several sexual assaults involving initial-entry training Soldiers. Prior to being selected as an SVP, his military justice experience included serving two years as a defense counsel and two years as a trial counsel. His training to become a special victim prosecutor includes cross-training with the City of St. Louis Prosecutor's Office and attending numerous training courses including the National District Attorney's Career Prosecutor course, the Army's Sexual Assault Trial Advocacy course, and the Advanced Trial Advocacy course. As an SVP, he taught hundreds of trial counsel through the Army's New Prosecutor course and the Sexual Assault Trial Advocacy course.

Lieutenant Commander Ben Robertson, United States Navy, is a military trial specialist serving as the chief prosecutor for the Navy in the National Capitol Region. His office prosecutes sexual assaults, domestic violence, and senior officer misconduct. Lieutenant Commander Robertson's areas of special training, education, and experience include trial advocacy, evidence, and special victims' investigations and prosecutions. He has previously served as a trial counsel, defense counsel, professional development officer, and instructor at the Naval Justice School. He holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Miami, completed Joint Professional Military Education Phase I through the Naval War College and is a graduate of the United States Marine Corps' Infantry Officer Course.

Lieutenant Commander Benedict Gullo, United States Coast Guard, currently serves as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for the Ninth Coast Guard District in Cleveland, Ohio. He is responsible for providing legal advice to the District Commander, as well as to subordinate units throughout the Great Lakes. He oversees the provision of legal services to 6,000 active duty, reserve, civilian, and auxiliary personnel. He also serves as a Military Judge and as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio prosecuting civilians who commit federal offenses on board military installations. His prior duty assignments include: advanced operational law fellow with the U.S. Army's Center for Law and Military Operations, command advice and operational law attorney, senior trial counsel, acting chief of military justice, and senior assistant district attorney in Brooklyn, NY. Lieutenant Commander Gullo received his Juris Doctor from Hofstra University's School of Law, and most recently, he received a LL.M. from The U.S. Army's Judge Advocate Legal Center and School. He is admitted to practice law in the State of New York, the U.S. Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Defense Perspectives: Abuse of Power/Coercive Sexual Offenses
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10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Major Ryan T. Wardle, United States Army, is the Senior Defense Counsel in the Fort Riley Field Office of the United States Army Trial Defense Services. He previously was the Chief of Military Justice of the United States Army Training Center at Fort Jackson, South Carolina from 2011-2013. In addition, Major Wardle has previously served as International and Operational Law Attorney, Legal Assistance Attorney, Claims Judge Advocate, Special Assistant United States Attorney, Trial Counsel and Brigade Judge Advocate. Major Wardle received his Master of Laws degree from the Judge Advocate Legal Center and School in 2014, his Juris Doctorate from Suffolk University Law School in 2004, and his Bachelor of Arts in Communications, with a Minor in English, from the University of Rhode Island in 2001. Major Wardle is a member of the State Bar of Massachusetts.

Captain Charles C. Olson, United States Marine Corps, is a Defense Counsel, Defense Services Organization - Western Region. Capt Olson has previously served as a Legal Assistance Officer, Trial Counsel, Senior Trial Counsel, Victim Witness Liaison Officer, and Legal Services Support Detachment Officer In Charge aboard MCAS Yuma, AZ. He has served in the entry-level training environment as a Series Commander and Executive Officer for Company A, 1st Recruit Training Battalion and as a Uniformed Victim Advocate, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. He currently serves as a Defense Counsel aboard MCAS Miramar. His areas of special training, experience, and professional interest include criminal trial practice, and recruit training. Capt Olson holds a Juris Doctor degree from Golden Gate University School of Law.

Captain Lauren Ann Shure, United States Air Force, is Appellate Defense Counsel assigned to the Appellate Defense Division within the Air Force Legal Operations Agency. In this capacity, she is responsible for representing Air Force members before the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals, the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the United States Supreme Court. Prior to her assignment as an Appellate Defense Counsel, Captain Shure was stationed at Joint Base San Antonio – Lackland, as both a prosecutor and defense counsel. During her tenure as a defense counsel, Captain Shure represented Basic Military Training trainees, Basic Military Training instructors, technical school trainees, and technical school training instructors. Captain Shure represented 18 Basic Military Training instructors accused in courts-martial and many more facing administrative action or non-judicial punishment. Prior to moving to Lackland, Captain Shure was stationed at Moody Air Force Base where she prosecuted over 10 courts-martial. She is an experienced litigator and defense counsel with special knowledge of the interworking of military justice in the training environment.

Lieutenant Paul Hochmuth, United States Navy, is the Officer in Charge of Defense Service Office Southeast, Detachment Pensacola. Lieutenant Hochmuth has been designated a military justice specialist by the United States Navy. Lieutenant Hochmuth has spent three tours as a military defense counsel, one tour as a military trial counsel and completed an Individual Augmentation deployment to Afghanistan. He has specialized training and experience in criminal trial litigation and sexual assault, child molestation and child pornography cases. Lieutenant Hochmuth holds a Juris Doctor degree from Suffolk University School of Law and a Bachelor Degree from Boston University.

**Training Command Staff Judge Advocates' Perspectives:
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12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Colonel Brynna Morgan, United States Air Force, is the Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters Second Air Force, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. She is the senior legal advisor to the Commander of Second Air Force. She and her staff are responsible for the proper administration of military justice within a Numbered Air Force comprised of four training wings and two training groups. Colonel Morgan graduated, cum laude, from Mississippi University for

Women, Columbus, Mississippi with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history with minors in English and political science. She received her Juris Doctorate from Rutgers-Camden School of Law. Colonel Morgan's prior duty assignments include staff judge advocate, Chief, Inspections, Inquiries and Investigations, deputy staff judge advocate, and Chief of Military Justice. Colonel Morgan is admitted to practice law before the Mississippi Supreme Court, the United States Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals and the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

Colonel David Mendelson, United States Army, is the Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Colonel Mendelson is the senior attorney at Fort Sill advising the Commanding General, Commanders and leaders on the full range of legal issues presented at the command. Soldiers from both the field artillery and air defense artillery branches come to Fort Sill for their specialized branch training. The variety of training offered ranges from Advanced Individual Training for enlisted Soldiers to the Basic Officer Leader Course for officers. Fort Sill is also the home of a basic combat training brigade whose primary mission is to integrate and transform civilian volunteers into disciplined, motivated and fit Soldiers. Prior to Fort Sill, Colonel Mendelson was a resident student at the Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Before the War College, Colonel Mendelson was the Staff Judge Advocate, 7th Joint Multi-National Training Center, Grafenwoehr, Germany. Colonel Mendelson holds a Juris Doctor degree from Nova Southeastern University Law School, Master of Laws degrees from The Judge Advocate General's School, United States Army, and a Masters of Strategic Studies from the Army War College.

Lieutenant Colonel Brett Wilson, United States Marine Corps (Reserve), is a judge advocate stationed at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island. He has experience as a prosecutor, defense counsel and legal assistance attorney. Lieutenant Colonel Wilson also served as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 3d Marine Division and 3d Marine Aircraft Wing and as the Staff Judge Advocate for Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. His service includes a tour at Wounded Warrior Battalion West as an Integrated Disability Evaluation System attorney. As a civilian attorney, his practice areas focus on securitization and equity derivatives as an associate with McKee Nelson LLP and Cadwalader and also with Wickersham & Taft. His Marine Corps career includes experience as both an artillery officer and judge advocate and he has also deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Lieutenant Commander Paul Casey, United States Coast Guard, is the Staff Judge Advocate at Coast Guard Training Center Yorktown, Virginia. Training Center Yorktown is the Coast Guard's largest training command with 800 active-duty personnel and training over 8,000 students annually. Lieutenant Commander Casey has previously served as trial defense counsel while assigned to the U.S. Navy Defense Service Office, North and as the Coast Guard's senior appellate defense counsel. He has also served as a legal advisor to the Assistant Commandant for Intelligence and Criminal Investigations. Lieutenant Commander Casey received his Juris Doctor the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America.

DoD SORNA Representative Perspectives: Sex Offender Registration
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Mr. John Awtrey, Department of Defense, is the Director, Office of Law Enforcement Policy and Support. He is the principal advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness for a wide range of law enforcement policies and programs involving both internal DoD functions, as well as the Department's cooperation with civilian law enforcement. He chairs the Defense Law Enforcement Council and the Department's Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission. He also serves on numerous inter agency and professional association law enforcement and criminal justice task forces and working groups. Mr. Awtrey served twenty seven years in the United States Army, retiring as a Colonel in 1994. Mr. Awtrey received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Massachusetts and his Master's Degree in Business Administration from Webster University. In addition, he is a Federal Bureau of Investigation National Executive Institute Class 36 graduate.