



JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS PANEL
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Overview

Judicial Proceedings since Fiscal Year 2012 Amendments Panel

Mission and Objectives of the Judicial Proceedings since Fiscal Year 2012 Amendments Panel

Washington, D.C. – The Judicial Proceedings since Fiscal Year 2012 Amendments Panel (“Judicial Proceedings Panel,” or “Panel”), was established by the Secretary of Defense, Chuck Hagel, in June, 2014, in accordance with section 576(a)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013. The Judicial Proceedings Panel is an independent federal advisory committee tasked with conducting an independent review and assessment of military judicial proceedings for sexual assault offenses since fiscal year 2012, for the purpose of developing recommendations to Congress and the Secretary of Defense for improvements to such proceedings.

The five members of the panel, all appointed by the Secretary of Defense, were selected because of their collective expertise in military law, civilian law, victim advocacy, the mission of the Armed Forces, and a desire to contribute to the development of solutions for reducing the devastating crime of sexual assault. The panel members serve without compensation and for the duration of the panel. The chair of the panel, the Honorable Elizabeth Holtzman, was also a member of the RSP. She is a former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, former Brooklyn, New York, District Attorney, and former Comptroller of New York City. Other members of the panel include the Honorable Barbara S. Jones, retired federal judge from the Southern District of New York, and former chair of the RSP; retired Navy vice-admiral, Ms. Patricia A. Tracy, vice president of Homeland Security and Defense for HP Enterprise Services U.S. Public Sector; Mr. Thomas W. Taylor, former Senior Deputy General Counsel of the Department of the Army and currently professor of the practice of public policy at the Sanford School of Public Policy; and Mr. Victor Stone, former Special Counsel for the United States Department of Justice who currently provides legal representation to victims of crime through the Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center, Inc.

The first report of the panel is due in February, 2015, and subsequent reports are required for each fiscal year through September, 2017. The reports of the panel to the Secretary of Defense and Congress will provide assessments relating to the following:

- The impact of the revisions to the sexual assault provision (article 120) of the UCMJ made by Congress in 2012.
- Trends and statistics of courts-martial and other punishments for sex-related offenses.
- Trends in the training and experience of military prosecutors and defense counsel.

- Trends in the Services' Special Victim Capability.
- The implementation and effect of the Special Victims' Counsel Program.
- Admission of victims' prior sexual conduct in preliminary (article 32) hearings and at courts-martial.
- The implementation and effects of the mandatory minimum sentences of a dismissal or dishonorable discharge for certain sexual assault offenses.
- Compensation and restitution proposals for sexual assault victims.

For more information please visit the Judicial Proceedings Panel's website at: <http://jpp.whs.mil>. Requests to make public comment, written comments or any other input for the panel to consider may be directed to Ms. Julie Carson at whs.pentagon.em.mbx.judicial-panel@mail.mil, or for additional assistance, please contact Ms. Carson at (703) 693-3849.