



JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS PANEL
ON SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE MILITARY

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A Public Meeting of the Judicial Proceedings Panel on Sexual Assault in the Military to be Held on January 16, 2015 in Washington D.C.

Arlington, VA – A public meeting of the Judicial Proceedings Panel on Sexual Assault in the Military will be held on Friday, January 16, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Washington, D.C. The meeting will take place in Courtroom#20, 6th floor, of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, 333 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001.

The Judicial Proceedings Panel was established by the Secretary of Defense 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.

This meeting will be devoted to deliberations on findings and recommendations for the Panel's initial report to be issued in February. The Panel will deliberate on the implementation of reforms to Article 120 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, the military statute concerning sex-related offenses, which was substantially revised by Congress in 2012. The Panel will also evaluate issues related to victim privacy and Military Rules of Evidence 513 and 412 concerning mental health records and prior sexual history of victims respectively. Further, the members will deliberate on what case-related information is provided to victims and how victims enforce their rights in military criminal proceedings. The final topic for deliberation by the Panel during the meeting will be the implementation of the military special victims' counsel programs by the Services as directed by Congress in the FY2014 National Defense Authorization Act.

For more information, the current meeting agenda, and future updates, please visit the Judicial Proceedings Panel's website at: <http://jpp.whs.mil>. Requests to make public comment, submission of written comments or materials for the Panel's consideration and any other inquiries may be directed to Ms. Julie Carson at whs.pentagon.em.mbx.judicial-panel@mail.mil or (703) 693-3849.