



JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS PANEL

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The Eighth Public Meeting of the Judicial Proceedings Panel will be held on March 13, 2015 in Washington, D.C.

Arlington, VA - The eighth public meeting of the Judicial Proceedings Panel (“JPP” or “the Panel”) will be held on Friday, March 13, 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, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, 333 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, and is open to the public.

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.

The focus of the March meeting will be on compensation and restitution for sexual assault victims. The JPP will first hear from Department of Defense experts who will review the framework for restitution and compensation in military judicial proceedings. Next, the Panel will hear from civilian legal scholars about the economic needs of sexual assault victims and some of the barriers to compensation. The Panel has also arranged to hear from directors from several state victim compensation programs to discuss the history, purpose, and use of state compensation funds by crime victims who are Service members or dependents of Service members.

Following a break for lunch, military Service representatives will brief the JPP on how victims currently obtain restitution or compensation for crimes under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Later sessions in the afternoon will include individuals from civilian advocacy organizations and military practitioners to provide perspectives on the need and availability of compensation and restitution for sexual assault victims.

For more information about the Judicial Proceedings Panel and future meetings visit the website, <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.