



## JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS PANEL

March 27, 2015

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#### **The Ninth Public Meeting of the Judicial Proceedings Panel will be held on April 10, 2015 in Washington, D.C.**

Arlington, VA - The ninth public meeting of the Judicial Proceedings Panel (“JPP” or “the Panel”) will be held on Friday, April 10, 2015, from 8:30 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.

In its April and May meetings, the Panel will examine prevention and response to retaliation against victims of sexual assault crimes. In April, the JPP will meet with leaders from the Department of Defense and Military Service Sexual Assault Prevention and Response offices to review how DoD is addressing concerns expressed by victims regarding professional and social retaliation. The Panel will then hear from civilian scholars and experts about studies of retaliation in the workplace and the effect workplace retaliation has on victims and organizations. The Panel has also arranged in its April session to hear from representatives from the DoD Office of Inspector General and Military Service Boards for Correction of Military Records to understand how DoD and the Military Services investigate and resolve complaints of reprisal and professional retaliation made by sexual assault victims.

The Panel welcomes input from the public on the topic of this meeting or other issues considered by the Panel. 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](mailto:whs.pentagon.em.mbx.judicial-panel@mail.mil) or (703) 693-3849.

More information about the Panel, including a detailed agenda and materials for this meeting, is available on the JPP’s website at <http://jpp.whs.mil>.