



JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS PANEL

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The Eleventh Public Meeting of the Judicial Proceedings Panel was held on June 18, 2015 in Washington, D.C.

Arlington, VA - The eleventh public meeting of the Judicial Proceedings Panel (“JPP” or “the Panel”) was held on Thursday, June 18, 2015, at The George Washington University, School of Law in Washington, D.C.

At the meeting, the Panel continued its assessment of restitution and compensation for victims of sexual assault crimes in the military. The Panel reviewed medical care available to military Service members and their family members who are victims of sexual assault after they leave the military, and heard testimony from experts on whether restitution should be incorporated as an authorized punishment at courts-martial, and whether the DoD should establish a uniform crime victim compensation program.

The JPP also continued its review of retaliation against victims who report sexual misconduct. The Panel heard from special victims’ counsel from each of the military Services about retaliation experienced by their clients and the ability of victims’ counsel to effectively assist in resolving retaliation issues when they arise. The meeting concluded with public comment.

The JPP held this meeting as part of its congressionally mandated mission to conduct an independent review and assessment of judicial proceedings conducted under the UCMJ involving adult sexual assault and related offenses for the purpose of developing recommendations to improve such proceedings. At its next session on August 6, 2015, the Panel will continue its review of issues related to retaliation against victims of sexual assault crimes and victim restitution and compensation. The JPP will continue its work through September 2017 and will provide reports and assessments to the Secretary of Defense and Congress.

Information about the Judicial Proceedings Panel and future meetings is available on the Panel’s 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.