



JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS PANEL

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The Twentieth Public Meeting of the Judicial Proceedings Panel will be held on Friday, April 8, 2016 in Arlington, Virginia.

Arlington, VA - The twentieth public meeting of the Judicial Proceedings Panel (“JPP” or “the Panel”) will be held on Friday, April 8, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston, 4610 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

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 to conduct 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.

During the morning sessions of the meeting, the Panel will continue deliberations on military justice case data for sexual assault offenses for fiscal years 2012-2014, hear a staff briefing about sexual assault legislative provisions and a recent special victims’ counsel training course, and receive updates on the special victims’ counsel programs from each Service’s program manager. In the afternoon, the Panel will assess trends in the development, utilization, and effectiveness of the special victims capabilities required by section 573 of the Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Act. The meeting will conclude with time reserved for public comment.

The Panel welcomes input from the public on topics 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 or (703) 693-3849.

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