



JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS PANEL

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The Twenty-third Public Meeting of the Judicial Proceedings Panel will be held on Friday, October 14, 2016 in Arlington, Virginia.

Arlington, VA - The twenty-third public meeting of the Judicial Proceedings Panel (“JPP” or “the Panel”) will be held on Friday, October 14, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Executive Conference Center, 14th floor, One Liberty Center, 875 N. Randolph Street, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

The Judicial Proceedings Panel is an independent federal advisory committee 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 tasked to conduct an independent review and assessment of military judicial proceedings for adult 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 this meeting will be on victims’ appellate rights and proposed changes to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, as well as a presentation by members of the JPP Subcommittee of their observations from recent site visits to military installations in the United States and Asia. During the morning session, the Panel will receive testimony from civilian legal experts and advocates for victims’ legal rights on criminal appellate practice and victim involvement at the appellate stage. These presenters will include:

- Professor Stephen Saltzburg, Wallace and Beverley Woodbury University Professor of Law, The George Washington University Law School
- Ms. Meg Garvin, Executive Director, National Crime Victim Law Institute
- Mr. Don Christensen, President, Protect Our Defenders
- Mr. Ryan Guilds, Counsel, Arnold & Porter LLP
- Mr. Jason Middleton, Supervising Deputy State Public Defender, Appellate Division, Colorado State Public Defender
- Ms. Ann Vallandingham, Senior Policy Advisor to the Director, Office for Victims of Crime, Department of Justice

Topics to be discussed at this session include: 1) victim notice of appellate matters; 2) victim privacy interests during appellate counsel review of records of trial; 3) victim participation at the appellate

stage; and 4) victims' right to appeal adverse interlocutory rulings to the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

For the afternoon session, the Panel will hear testimony from members of the JPP Subcommittee about their visits to military installations in Virginia, North Carolina, Colorado, California, Maryland, Korea, and Japan between July 2016 and September 2016. The purpose of these visits was to hear from military justice practitioners and victim advocates in the field about the effect of recent changes to the UCMJ and policies related to sexual assault on courts-martial and military justice practice.

The Panel welcomes input from the public on these topics or other issues under consideration by the JPP. Requests to make public comment, submission of written comments or materials, and any other inquiries may be directed to Ms. Julie Carson at whs.pentagon.em.mbx.judicial-panel@mail.mil or (703) 693-3849.

This meeting is open to the public. To enter the federal government facility at One Liberty Center, visitors are required to sign in at the security desk and present a government-issued photo identification to leave on file while in the building. All visitors are required to pass through a metal detection security screening. Seating for the meeting is limited and available on a first-come basis.

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