



JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS PANEL

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The Twenty-sixth Public Meeting of the Judicial Proceedings Panel will be held on Friday, January 6, 2017 in Arlington, Virginia.

Arlington, VA - The twenty-sixth public meeting of the Judicial Proceedings Panel (“JPP” or “the Panel”) will be held on Friday, January 6, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at The Holiday Inn Arlington at Ballston, 4610 N. Fairfax Drive, 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.

During the first session, the Panel will receive a presentation from JPP Subcommittee members regarding military sexual assault investigations. The presentation will be followed by Panel deliberations on the Subcommittee report and recommendations.

Next, the Panel will focus on current military justice practices related to Military Rules of Evidence 412 and 513 dealing with an alleged victim’s past sexual behavior and the psychotherapist-patient privilege, respectively. The Panel will receive testimony on this topic from former military trial judges followed by current military trial counsel, defense counsel, and special victims’ counsel.

For the last session of the meeting, the Panel will deliberate on the Joint Service Committee on Military Justice’s proposed amendment to Rule for Courts-Martial 1103A, regarding the review of sealed materials by appellate counsel.

The Panel welcomes input from the public on these topics and 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. 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>. In the event the Office of Personnel Management closes the government due to inclement weather or for any other reason, please consult the JPP website for any changes to public meeting dates or time.