

**Judicial Proceedings Panel
March 10, 2017 Public Meeting
Biographies of Presenters**

**Panel Deliberations on Joint Service Committee on Military Justice's Proposed
Amendments to Rule for Court-Martial 1103A; Victims' Appellate Rights Report; and
Public Comment on Victims' Appellate Rights
9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

Mr. James Martinson, U.S. Navy, is a highly qualified expert (HQE) for the Criminal Division (Code 20) of the Navy Office of the Judge Advocate General. He provides expertise in close coordination with the leadership of Code 20, the organization responsible for overseeing all aspects of military justice policy within the Department of the Navy. He is also assigned to the Joint Service Committee on Military Justice. Prior to joining Code 20, he served as a criminal prosecutor in Minnesota for nearly thirty years, initially as a line prosecutor before being appointed as criminal division head and chief deputy of a large Minnesota prosecutors office. In addition to supervising 20 attorneys, he had serious case responsibility involving many offenses including sexual assault, child abuse and homicide.

Prior to his retirement after 28 years from the United States Marine Corps Reserve, Mr. Martinson served as a trial advocacy lecturer for the Marine Corps Trial Advocacy Assistance Program (TCAP) that dealt with issues related to the prosecution of sexual assault in the military. As a Marine Corps judge advocate he served as a general courts-martial military judge, and was frequently tasked to conduct investigations of senior officer and enlisted members involving sexual assault, sexual harassment and other serious misconduct.

Mr. Stephen McCleary, U.S. Coast Guard, was an active duty judge advocate who served as both defense counsel and trial counsel. He was a staff judge advocate twice: for the Coast Guard's enlisted training center (boot camp) in Cape May, New Jersey and for a DoD joint command in Key West, Florida. He was a military judge for five years. From 2008 to 2011 he was the Chief of the Office of Military Justice and in that role was the Coast Guard's Voting Group member on the Joint Service Committee and the Chief of the Appellate Government Division. He was the Executive Assistant to the Judge Advocate General from 2011 until his retirement in 2014. From 2014 until October of this year he has been a civilian in the Office of Military Justice where he continues to work with the Joint Service Committee and supervises the Coast Guard appellate government counsel. Currently, he is detailed to the Department of Homeland Security Office of the General Counsel as the Deputy Chief of Staff and Deputy Managing Counsel.

Colonel (Retired) William 'Bill' Orr, Jr., U.S. Air Force, is the Chief, Strategic Military Justice Legislation and Policy for the United States Air Force Judiciary, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. He is the key coordinator and advisor on military justice legislation issued by Congress, the President via Executive Order, and the Department of Defense. Before assuming his current position, he served as the chief appellate military judge on the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals. During his tenure, he was appointed by the Secretary of Defense to serve as an appellate judge, United States Court of Military Commission Review to consider and rule upon appeals submitted by the detainees held at the Naval Base Guantanamo, Cuba. Colonel Orr accepted a direct commission as a first lieutenant and entered the United States Air Force in 1982. He received his Juris Doctor degree from Ohio Northern University. He is admitted to practice before all courts in the state of Ohio, the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the United States Supreme Court.

Lieutenant Colonel Mary Catherine Vergona, U.S. Army, has been a member of the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps for almost 19 years. Currently, she is the Chief, Policy Branch, with the Army Criminal Law Division. Previous criminal law experiences include being a trial counsel with 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood Texas; appellate defense counsel with the Army Court of Criminal Appeals; a commissioner with the Army Court of Criminal Appeals; Chief of Justice (lead prosecutor) with 1st Armored Division, Wiesbaden Germany; and Regional Defense Counsel (lead defense counsel) for Korea and Japan. She was stationed in Germany for 23 months, deployed to Iraq as a brigade judge advocate for 12 months, and stationed in Korea for 24 months.

**Subcommittee Presentation on Site Visit Observations Regarding the DoD
Withholding Policy, M.R.E. 412 and 513, and Attorney Training
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Ms. Laurie Rose Kepros is the Director of Sexual Litigation for the Colorado Office of the State Public Defender where she trains and advises over 700 lawyers and other staff statewide in their representation of adults and juveniles accused or convicted of sexual crimes. Ms. Kepros has personally represented thousands of criminal defendants charged with all levels of offense including many who have been victims of sexual assault themselves. She has tried and consulted on thousands of sexual offense cases across the state of Colorado. She has served on dozens of subcommittees of the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board and as a member of both the Sex Offense Task Force and Sex Offense Working Group of the Sentencing Task Force of the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. Ms. Kepros was on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar (CCDB) for 10 years and currently serves on the board of the CCDB's sister policy organization, the Colorado Criminal Defense Institute. She is a member of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers and an adjunct professor at the University of Denver School of Law. She has repeatedly testified before the Colorado legislature as a subject matter expert in sexual crime law and as an expert witness in Colorado sex offense law in Federal District Court. In 2012, the CCDB awarded her the Gideon Award for upholding and preserving the principles captured by *Gideon v. Wainwright*.

Brigadier General James Schwenk retired from the Marine Corps in 2000 and from civil service in 2014, after 49 years of Federal Service. As a Marine Corps judge advocate, he has served as a trial counsel, defense counsel, deputy staff judge advocate, staff judge advocate, special assistant to the General Counsel of the Navy, Head of Operational Law Branch at Headquarters Marine Corps, Deputy Director of Legal and Legislative Policy for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management and Policy, Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy for Military Law, and Military Assistant to the DoD General Counsel. Upon retiring from active duty, Brigadier General Schwenk served for fourteen years in the Office of the General Counsel of the Department of Defense as Senior Associate Deputy General Counsel, specializing in Personnel Policy, Military Justice and Civil Support. He was the principal legal advisor for the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell and the provision of benefits to same-sex spouses of military personnel. In addition, he was the principal legal advisor to numerous DoD working groups in the area of military personnel policy, working extensively with the White House and Congress. Brigadier General Schwenk attended the Washington College of Law, American University, earning his J.D. in 1977.

Ms. Jill Wine-Banks has a background as a corporate executive in manufacturing and telecom and as an attorney and not-for-profit and government leader. Ms. Wine-Banks started her career at the Department of Justice prosecuting organized crime and labor racketeering cases and then played a crucial role as an assistant special prosecutor investigating and trying the Watergate obstruction of justice case. Ms. Wine-Banks also served as the General Counsel of the United States Army. In this position, Ms. Wine-Banks dealt with environmental, procurement, Panama Canal, intelligence, military justice and political issues, including the integration of women into basic training and WestPoint. After leaving the Pentagon, she was a litigation partner at Jenner and Block, the Solicitor General and Deputy Attorney General of Illinois, and later the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the American Bar Association, the world's largest legal publisher and professional association with almost 400,000 members. That experience led to her becoming a senior corporate executive at Motorola and then Maytag, handling international business development, global operations, alliance creation and management, and government relations in Pakistan, China, Ukraine, Russia, France, Germany, Japan, and Singapore. Recently, Ms. Wine-Banks was head of career and technical education for the Chicago Public Schools and a business consultant. Ms. Wine-Banks is currently writing a book about her life and career, with a special focus on her experiences during Watergate.