

## Panel Members

**Hon. Elizabeth Holtzman** is the chair of the Judicial Proceedings Panel and a former member of the RSP. She formerly served as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, the District Attorney for Brooklyn, New York, and the Comptroller of New York City. She practices law in New York City with the firm Herrick, Feinstein LLP.

**Hon. Barbara S. Jones** served as Federal judge for the Southern District of New York for 16 years. Prior to her nomination to the bench, she spent more than two decades as a prosecutor. She is a partner with the firm Zuckerman Spaeder, LLP, in New York City.

**VADM (Ret.) Patricia A. Tracey** served in the Navy for 34 years and retired as the most senior woman officer in the history of the U.S. Navy. She is currently Vice President of Homeland Security and Defense for HP Enterprise Services, U.S. Public Sector.

**Mr. Thomas W. Taylor** worked in the Army General Counsel's office for 27 years and retired as the Senior Deputy General Counsel. He also served as an active duty and Reserve Army officer. He is currently a professor teaching graduate courses in public policy, leadership, and national security at Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy.

**Mr. Victor Stone** devoted four decades to a distinguished legal career by serving in many capacities within the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He is currently a victim's attorney and technical expert at the Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center, Inc.

## Contact Information

For additional information, please visit the Judicial Proceedings Panel's website at:

<http://jpp.whs.mil>

All documents provided to Panel members are available on the website including transcripts and video recordings of Panel meetings.

Requests to make public comment, written comments, and any other materials for the Panel's consideration may be submitted via e-mail to:

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# Judicial Proceedings Panel

## on Military Sexual Assault



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Chair

**A Federal Advisory Committee**

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## Mission and Objectives

*The Judicial Proceedings Since Fiscal Year 2012 Amendments Panel (“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 with conducting 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.

*The Panel is comprised of five civilian members* appointed by the Secretary of Defense. Panel members were selected for their collective expertise in military law, civilian law, victim advocacy, and the mission of the Armed Forces. Two of the five Panel members are required to have served on the preceding Response Systems to Adult Sexual Assault Crimes Panel (RSP). Panel members serve without compensation and for the duration of the Panel, which terminates by statute on September 30, 2017.



## MEETINGS

Meetings of the Panel are held at the call of the Chair. Public notice of meetings is published in the Federal Register and is available on the JPP website.

## REPORTS

The first report from the Judicial Proceedings Panel to the Secretary of Defense and Congress is due 180 days after the first meeting of the Panel.

Subsequent reports are required annually for each fiscal year through September, 2017.

All reports, background materials, public comment, meeting agendas, and updates may be found on the JPP website at:

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## Issues for Panel Review

- **Article 120:** Assess Article 120 of the UCMJ (2012) and provide recommendations regarding further reform.
- **Trends and Statistics of Courts-Martial:** Monitor and analyze trends of disposition decisions, courts-martial results, punishments, and appeals for Art. 120 offenses.
- **Trends in Training and Experience of Prosecutors & Defense Counsel:** Assess the training and experience levels of military counsel handling sexual assault cases.
- **Mandatory Minimum Sentences:** The effects of the mandatory minimum sentences for certain sex offenses and advisability of other mandatory minimums.
- **Special Victim Capability:** Monitor trends in the Services' utilization and effectiveness of Special Victim Capabilities.
- **Special Victims' Counsel Program:** Assess the implementation and effect of the Special Victims' Counsel Program.
- **Victims' Past Sexual Conduct (MRE 412):** Assess instances in which evidence of a victim's prior sexual conduct was considered at an Article 32 hearing or court-martial.
- **Victim Compensation & Restitution:** Assess the adequacy of the military's compensation and restitution available for victims of sexual assault.