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2019 Military and Veterans Summit

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019

**San Francisco War Memorial
Veterans Building, Room 206 & 210**
401 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Register Online: CALAWYERS.ORG/LITIGATION

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Registration Opens

8:30 am. – 3:30 p.m.

Opening Remarks

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Michael Blecker, Executive Director, Swords to Plowshares

Sexual Assault in the Military: Legal Problems & Remedies (1 Hour MCLE Credit)

9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Roughly one quarter of female service-members and one in ten male service members experience sexual assault. However, their options for legal redress are more limited than civilians'. This panel will discuss these barriers to justice, including the Feres doctrine's bar on civil lawsuits against the military. It will also detail military processes for investigating sexual assault and describe the support services available to Military Sexual Trauma survivors.

SPEAKERS: **Danette Montoya, San Francisco VA Health Care System, San Francisco**
LTC Adam Kazin, Chief of the Policy Branch of the Army's Criminal Division

MODERATOR: **Justice Eileen C. Moore, California Court of Appeal**

LGBT Service-Members and Veterans Rights (1.0 Hour Recognition and Elimination of Bias)

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Despite the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell, discrimination against LGBT service-members is still rampant in the military. This panel will discuss the government policies and aspects of the military work environment that contribute to this discrimination. It will also describe efforts to stop this discrimination, such as litigation challenging the military transgender ban.

SPEAKERS: **Robert Alexander, Swords to Plowshares**
Peter Perkowski, OutServe/SLDN
Elizabeth Gill, ACLU of Northern California, LGBT & HIV Project

MODERATOR: **Betsy Gwin, Harvard Law School**

Luncheon with Keynote Speaker

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The program will include a luncheon presentation by Justice Ming W. Chin, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of California and California Senator Thomas J. Umberg.

Discharge Upgrades: How to Restore Veteran Status and Benefits (1 Hour MCLE Credit)

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Over 500,000 former service-members have other-than-honorable discharges, known as “bad paper.” In fact, the military is now issuing bad paper discharges at a higher rate than ever before. Service-members are often discharged due to behaviors stemming from traumatic experiences, such as assault or combat. Yet, under federal law, they do not qualify as “veterans” and are ineligible for VA benefits. This panel will describe the military’s discharge processes, including Court Martial proceedings, and how to petition the DOD for restoration of veteran status.

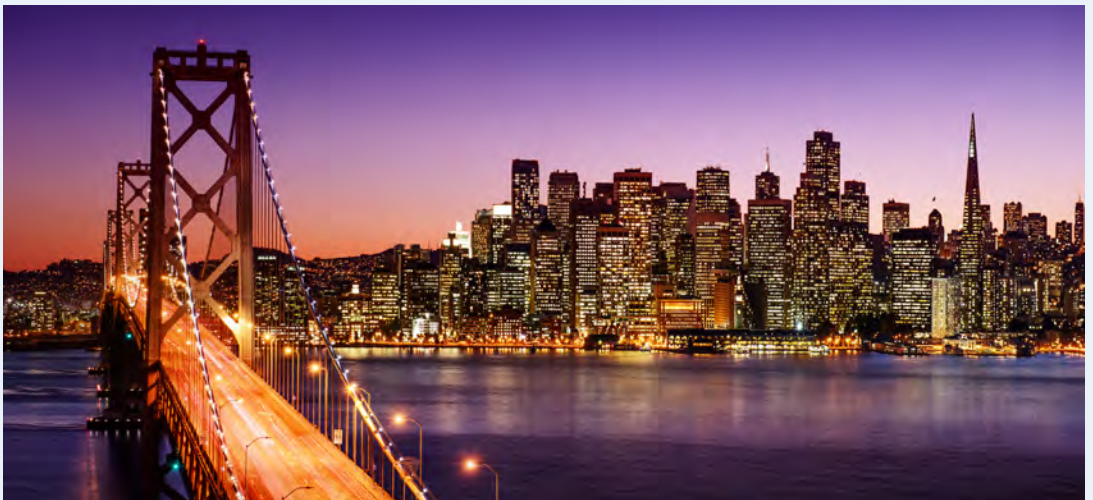
- SPEAKERS:** [Maureen Siedor, Swords to Plowshares](#)
[Margaret Kuzma, Connecticut Veterans Legal Center](#)
[Robert Muth, University of San Diego Law School](#)
- MODERATOR:** [Amanda K. Pertusati, Center for Veteran’s Advancement](#)

Federal Appellate and Class Action Litigation Panel (1 Hour MCLE Credit)

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The last few years have brought considerable changes in the legal landscape for service-members and veterans. Class actions against the DOD and the VA are on the rise, and appeals cases are reshaping important precedent. This panel will discuss the latest litigation developments, as well as share strategies for bringing an effective case in federal court.

- SPEAKERS:** [Bart Stichman, National Veterans Legal Services Program](#)
[Michael J. Wishnie, Yale Law School](#)
[Adam Zimmerman, Loyola Law School](#)
- MODERATOR:** [Rose Carmen Goldberg, California Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General](#)



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400 Capitol Mall, Suite 650, Sacramento, CA 95814

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