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VALUE TO VETERANS: SUPPORTING VETERAN  
EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2019 | 8:00 A.M. - 4:45 P.M.**

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## AGENDA

**8:00 A.M. - 8:45 A.M. REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST (ATRIUM)** (SPONSORED BY THE BOB PARSONS VETERANS ADVOCACY CLINIC AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW)

**8:45 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. OPENING REMARKS (ATRIUM)**

- **HUGH McCLEAN**, PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW
- **VICKI SCHULTZ**, ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ADMINISTRATION
- **DAVE PANTZER**, PRO BONO RESOURCE CENTER OF MARYLAND
- **SWAPNA YELURI**, HOMELESS PERSONS REPRESENTATION PROJECT

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## MORNING TRAININGS

### TRACK ONE - FOR VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS

#### VETERANS BENEFITS 101 - 3 VA CREDITS

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM | ROOM 205

(PRO BONO COMMITMENT REQUIRED)

CLE QUALIFIED TRAINING TO PREPARE ATTORNEYS TO ASSIST WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF VA BENEFIT CLAIMS

#### PRESENTERS:

- **JILL WILLIAMS**, UNITED STATES COAST GUARD VETERAN & HOMELESS PERSONS REPRESENTATION PROJECT BOARD MEMBER
- **SWAPNA YELURI**, HOMELESS PERSONS REPRESENTATION PROJECT

### TRACK TWO - FOR VETERANS & OTHER ADVOCATES

#### MENTOR TRAINING 101: VETERANS MENTORING VETERANS IN VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

9:00 AM to 10:45 AM | ROOM 207

- **JUSTIN C. McNABB**, VETERANS TREATMENT COURT MENTOR COORDINATOR & DATA SPECIALIST

#### KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: VETERANS BENEFITS

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM | ROOM 207

- **ALBERT TURNER**, HOMELESS PERSONS REPRESENTATION PROJECT

## LUNCH PROGRAM (12:15 PM - 1:15 PM)

**HUGH McCLEAN**, PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW

**IRVING WALKER, COLE SCHOTZ P.C.**, HOMELESS PERSONS REPRESENTATION PROJECT BOARD MEMBER

**KEYNOTE: MAJOR GENERAL, LINDA SINGH**, ADJUTANT GENERAL OF MARYLAND



Major General Linda L. Singh was appointed as the 29th Adjutant General of Maryland, effective January 21, 2015. The Adjutant General is responsible for the daily operations of the Maryland Military Department, which includes the Maryland Army National Guard, Maryland Air National Guard, Maryland Emergency Management Agency, and Maryland Defense Force. She is a senior advisor to the governor and is responsible for the readiness, administration, and training of more than 6,700 members of the Military Department with an annual budget of more than \$314 million. As the Adjutant General, she serves as the official channel of communication between the governor and the National Guard Bureau and serves as a member of the governor's cabinet.

Major General Singh grew up in Frederick County, Maryland, and is a longtime resident of Prince George's County where she currently resides with her husband and two daughters. She received her commission in 1991 through Officer Candidate School at the Maryland Military Academy in Reisterstown, Md. Her military career spans more than 30 years of service in both the enlisted and officer ranks. She has served in staff and command assignments at every level, including deployed assignments in Kosovo and a combat tour in Afghanistan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

## AFTERNOON I (1:30 PM - 3:00 PM)

### BEST PRACTICES BEFORE MILITARY REVIEW BOARDS (ROOM 205)

**MODERATORS** - **HUGH McCLEAN**, UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW  
**JAMES S. ("JIM") RICHARDSON**, FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION (FBA)

#### PANELISTS:

- **ALAN GOLDSMITH**, CHAIR, VETERANS & MILITARY LAW SECTION, FBA
- **ELIZABETH HILL**, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
- **PATRICIA KINGERY**, ARMY REVIEW BOARDS AGENCY
- **ROBERT POWERS**, NAVAL DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD
- **COL. EDWARD C. SEGURA**, AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

### GOING FROM BOOTS TO BUSINESS: TURNING VETERANS INTO ENTREPRENEURS (ROOM 207)

**MODERATORS** - **JOHN PRICE**, LAW OFFICES OF JOHN PRICE

#### PANELISTS:

- **LEE DOUGHERTY**, EFFECTUS PLLC
- **JOHN R. ("JACK") ORRICK**, LINOWES & BLOCHER LLP

## AFTERNOON II (3:15 PM - 4:45 PM)

### VETERANS 201 (BENEFITS PRACTICUM) (ROOM 205)

PRACTICAL TIPS ON HOW TO PREPARE AND FILE A VETERANS BENEFITS CLAIM FROM THE FILING OF THE INITIAL CLAIM THROUGH THE BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS.

#### PANELISTS:

- **SCOTT BLACK**, MARYLAND LEGAL AID
- **ALBERT TURNER**, HOMELESS PERSONS REPRESENTATION PROJECT
- **SWAPNA YELURI**, HOMELESS PERSONS REPRESENTATION PROJECT

### NETWORKING WITH VETERAN BUSINESS OWNERS & ENTREPRENEURS (ROOM 207)

## SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS

**Scott Black** is the staff attorney for Special Populations at Maryland Legal Aid (MLA) where he assists veterans, and migrant and seasonal farmworkers. Prior to MLA, Mr. Black was with the Eighth Army Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, USAG-Yongsan. While in Korea, Mr. Black was a SOFA Compliance Officer and assisted with Client Legal Services. Prior to law school, University of Hawaii, Mr. Black was the Chief Scientist for the weaponized anthrax detection laboratory under the USDA.

**Jill Brown-Williams** serves as a board member for the Homeless Persons Representation Project. Ms. Williams served honorably in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1975 to 1981. She has been involved in various projects to advocate on behalf of low-income clients and veterans.

**Lee Dougherty** is a partner at Effectus PLLC, in Washington, DC. Mr. Dougherty brings extensive military experience to his practice of government contract law. His practice includes company formation, negotiated procurement disputes, bid protests, terminations for convenience and defaults, and litigation. He has special knowledge in the area of bid protests. As a former legal advisor to a procurement fraud task force, he has experience in government fraud investigations and a host of related issues. He also has experience with international procurement law. Mr. Dougherty is the founder of ORP, a monthly networking event for veterans and companies seeking to work with veteran-owned businesses. As a service-disabled veteran and advocate, he is knowledgeable in laws impacting veteran business owners.

**Alan Goldsmith** serves as Chair of the Veterans and Military Law Section of the Federal Bar Association.

**Elizabeth A. Hill** is Executive Director for the Board for Correction of Naval Records (BCNR) within the Department of the Navy. The mission of the BCNR is to provide a method for correction of errors or removal of injustices from current and former Navy and Marine Corps member's military records. The BCNR is the highest level of administrative appeal in the Department of the Navy. Immediately prior to this position, Ms. Hill was Deputy Director/ANG Advisor for the Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council (SAFPC). Ms. Hill is a graduate of University of Maryland, University College (Bachelor of Science in Financial Management) and Central Michigan University (Master of Science in Administration, Human Resources).

**Patricia Kingery** serves as a Legal Advisor at the Army Review Boards Agency (ARBA) in Arlington, Virginia. She handles officer elimination and grade determination cases on behalf of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Review Boards), provides legal advice and opinions to 12 administrative Boards, including the Army Board for Correction of Military Records, and serves as voting member and legal advisor to the Army Clemency and Parole Board. She advises senior leaders, board members, and analysts on a wide range of legal issues involving military personnel, veterans, and their dependents. Prior to ARBA, she worked as Associate Counsel at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Board of Veterans' Appeals in Washington, DC, handling VA benefit appeals. Ms. Kingery received a B.A. in Philosophy from the American University and a J.D. from the George Washington University Law School.

**Hugh McClean** joined the faculty at the University of Baltimore School of Law as Assistant Professor and Director of the Bob Parsons Veterans Advocacy Clinic in 2016 after serving two years as a visiting professor. He directs student attorneys in the representation of veterans in a wide variety of litigation and legislative initiatives. Prior to joining the faculty, McClean directed the legal writing program in the Department of Law, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mr. McClean served in the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps from 2003 to 2014 and held positions as a prosecutor, defense attorney, law professor, and assistant general counsel. He is a graduate of The George Washington University Law School (LLM) and Case Western Reserve University School of Law (JD), and is a member of the Ohio and Maryland bars.

**Justin McNabb** serves as Mentor Coordinator for the Baltimore City Veterans Treatment Court. In 2008, he joined the U.S. Air Force as a Network Security/Computer Communications Operator. After his training, he was assigned to the U.S. Strategic Command Headquarters (STRATCOM) at Offutt AFB in Omaha, NE. In 2011, he was selected for a special duty assignment to the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) in Washington, DC. He served in many roles at the DIA Headquarters, on Bolling AFB, and at the Pentagon. Mr. McNabb separated from the Air Force in 2014 to pursue a career in criminal justice. While studying at the University of Baltimore, he worked as Research Project Manager on a federally funded health and safety study. In 2017, he was hired for his current role.

**John R. ("Jack") Orrick, Jr.** is a partner in the Bethesda law firm of Linowes and Blocher LLP where he chairs the firm's Business Transactions Group. He focuses in the area of business and finance law and has been practicing since 1980. Mr. Orrick is a past Chair of the Business Law Section of the Maryland State Bar Association. He has presented numerous discussions and continuing legal education programs in the areas of the organization of businesses, including choice of entity, the sale of businesses, private placements of securities, secured financings, and the formation of special taxing districts. Mr. Orrick received his J.D. from George Washington University Law School and holds a Masters in Tax Law from Georgetown University Law School.

## SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS

**Robert C. Powers** currently serves as the President for the Naval Discharge Review Board (NDRB). As President, he is responsible for the management, integrity, and efficiency of the NDRB to conduct final determinations as to whether military discharges of former members of the naval service warrant change based on the principles of propriety and equity.

**John H. Price Jr.** is a Maryland attorney. Mr. Price retired after 46 years of active practice and currently focuses on alternative dispute resolution, including mediation, arbitration, and settlement conferences.

**James S. (“Jim”) Richardson** is a mediator in the areas of general civil law and family law and a certified Veteran’s Administration claims agent, assisting military veterans with disability claims. From August 1982 – October 2008 he served as Senior Attorney – Advisor of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (Formerly the Court of Military Appeals). Mr. Richardson has an extensive military background, serving in various capacities including as head of the Discharge Review Section and Senior Military Judge and Officer In Charge, USMD Special Court-Martial Judiciary Activity. In June 2017, Mr. Richardson was honored with the 2017 Maryland Pro Bono Service Retired Pro Bono Volunteer Award. He is a graduate of Frostburg State University and received his J.D. from the University of Maryland School of Law. His bar admissions include: Supreme Court of the United States; Court of Appeals of Maryland; Federal Circuit Courts of Appeals for the Second, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Ninth, and Federal circuits; Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces; and Court of Veterans Appeals.

**Colonel Edward C. Segura** is the Reserve Advisor, Air Force Review Boards Agency, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. He advises all agency boards on reserve matters and oversees Discharge Review Board operations on behalf of the Secretary of the Air Force. The board examines the equity and propriety of former members’ administrative discharges, and considers applications to the board for upgrades to their service characterizations. Colonel Segura graduated from Louisiana State University in 1993 and was commissioned in March 1994 through Officer Training School. He has commanded a services flight, aircraft maintenance squadron and mission support group. Additionally, he commanded the Air Force’s largest expeditionary aircraft maintenance squadron while deployed. Prior to his current position, Colonel Segura was the Commander, 403rd Mission Support Group, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

**Albert Turner** is a Staff Attorney for the Homeless Persons Representation Project, Inc., working in the Clean Slate and Veteran Projects. At HPRP, Mr. Turner represents Veterans in veteran benefits and discharge upgrade claims. He began his legal career in the Baltimore City State’s Attorney’s Office where he worked as a law clerk in the Aim to B’more program, and, subsequently, worked as an Assistant State’s Attorney for Baltimore City. Mr. Turner received his J.D. from Howard University School of Law and received his Bachelor’s degree from Oakwood College.

**Irving E. Walker** is the managing partner of the Baltimore office of Cole Schotz P.C. Mr. Walker has been recognized since 2013 by The Best Lawyers in America for “Bet-the-Company” Litigation, and as being among the best lawyers in America for 16 years in the areas of bankruptcy and reorganization law and litigation-bankruptcy. Mr. Walker also directs his zealous advocacy to help the poor in his community. He served as board president of Homeless Persons Representation Project from 2008 to June and continues to serve as an active board member and pro bono volunteer. He earned his B.A. from Duke University, where he completed a double major in mathematics and management science, and his J.D. from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, where he achieved the Order of the Coif distinction.

**Swapna Yeluri** is the director of pro bono programs with the Homeless Persons Representation Project. Prior to joining HPRP, Ms. Yeluri developed and ran a pro bono Veterans’ project and spent seven years of her legal career representing youth in the foster care system. Her entire professional and legal career has been focused on working with nonprofits and low-income clients. She is also the current chair of the Veterans’ Affairs & Military Law Section of the Maryland State Bar Association. She received a J.D. from Roger Williams University School of Law in 2007 and a Bachelor of Arts in general business management from Michigan State University in 2003.