

FBA VETERANS & MILITARY LAW SECTION

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 17, 2024

Attendees:

- Harvey Weiner, Courtney Richards, David Harding, Andrew McConville, Amanda Myers, Maura Black, Kaitlyn Degnan, Dylan Perry, Mike McCarthy

Mentorship

- Dylan is taking the lead
- Mike: FBA discontinued the previous Lift Up Leaders program as its formal mentorship program but is working to provide a new alternative.
 - Local Chapters may be the best source to connect mentors and mentees. The concern is the national nature of our section may be difficult to coordinate with local chapters.
- Dylan: Will send info to Mike to allow Mike to prepare a Mail Chimp/Survey Monkey to send to Section student membership gauging their interest in participating in a mentorship program.
- Maura shared CAVC mentorship program materials as guides for our potential program.
- Email Dylan with questions, comments, or ideas about a mentorship program; Dylanperry.1990@gmail.com

History of the Section

- Maura shared her experience as a member of the Section for the last ~10 years.
- The section is roughly the same membership, however, there were far fewer student members.
- The Section used to support an annual Maryland military law conference.
- The Section used to be a co-sponsor for Jobs for Jags in DC – used to supply lunch.
 - The next one is January 2025
 - Amanda is going to check on whether there is still an opportunity to support the event this year, and if not, get information about next year.
- The Section has maintained an annual CLE webinar program.
 - Mike notes that we may need to have two events (not necessarily two webinars) starting in 2025.
 - Maura recommends always having a back-up CLE, presented by a member of the Section, just in case the original presenters cannot present.
- The Section used to support or propose legislative issues facing veterans or veteran/military law.

Federal Lawyer – Winter 2026 Edition

- Amanda Myers is lead
- Timeline for submission can be found on the FBA site:
(<https://www.fedbar.org/accepting-content-for-publication/>)
 - Article submissions due: Oct '25
- Email Amanda with your ideas or interest: myers2004@gmail.com

Bob DeSouza – Even War Has Rules

- March 4th – Carlisle, PA
- FBA Veterans and Military Law Section to Sponsor (free)
- Courtney will attend the event

Wills for Veterans Program

- Rhode Island – No veterans have signed up for it.
 - Maura and Kaitlyn are going to look into how to increase marketing effectiveness.