

FBA VETERANS & MILITARY LAW SECTION

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 21, 2025

Attendees:

- Harvey Weiner, David Harding, Andrew McConville, Dylan Perry, Mike McCarthy

-Dec. '24 Meeting Minutes were approved; later an amended version were supplemented to correct language relating to the former Lift Up Leaders Program.

Legislative Matters

- Carol Scott – special guest to discuss her efforts and issues relating to veteran-based
 - Didn't make it – Hopefully we can get her rescheduled.

Jobs for Jags

- David Harding's firm, Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP, is hosting this year's event. He'll share the flyer and contact Amanda Myers about this year and next year's event and how our section could get involved.

Bob DeSouza – Even War Has Rules

- Courtney Richards to attend.

Federal Lawyer – Winter 2026 Edition

- The edition is dedicated to Veteran and Military Law.
- McCarthy to send info to Amanda and Harvey.
- Judicial Bios are expected to be a part of the edition.
- If interested in writing an article, please share with Amanda and Harvey.

Mentoring

- Section Chair Meeting (Quarterly) is happening soon; Maura and Harvey to attend.
- In our FBA profiles, there is a box to select to opt to become a mentor; please check if you're interested.
- The FBA is creating a webpage to facilitate the sharing of mentorship information.

CLE/Webinar

- We should plan at least one professional development/CLE event or webinar.
- CLE credit may not be necessary, particularly if VA-specific.
- Harvey proposed the idea of offering a VA-Accreditation Course
 - The FBA shared info about a week and a half ago to include a course in the April, May, or June slots. (Friday deadline)

- The next round of available dates would be for July, August, and September; info coming soon.
 - Courses would be on either a Tues, Wednesday, or Thursday.
 - Each section interested in hosting a professional development/CLE course needs to make a 1st and 2nd preference on the month and day it prefers.
- Speakers will be recorded. Members sign up for free to attend the event live, and the webinar will be saved as an on-demand resource for use at a later date.

Other News from Mike McCarthy

- Send out 1st Quarter Financial Reports for the Section.
- Membership Reports to coming soon.