

FBA VETERANS & MILITARY LAW SECTION
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2025

Attendees:

- Harvey Weiner, Courtney Richards, David Harding, Andrew McConville, Dylan Perry, Hon. Michael Allen, Carol Scott, Mike McCarthy, Maura Black

-April '25 Meeting Minutes are approved.

Special Guest – Hon. Michael Allen (Chief Judge of the US Court of Appeals for Veteran Claims)

- Overview of the US Court of Appeals for Veteran Claims
 - Various Standards of Review
 - The role of the Equal Access to Justice Act
 - Precedential vs. Non-precedential cases
 - Committees
 - External Committees (Rules, Admission, Judicial Advisory, etc.)
 - Internal Committees (Outreach)
 - Judicial needs: The 8th & 9th seats on the Court are “temporary.” Proposing a 10th temporary. Hon. Michael Allen would like to see the 8th and 9th seats to become permanent.

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- Co-Sponsored with the International Law Section
- April 2025
- Courtney, Kaitlyn, and Harvey attended
- Good feedback overall; tech being the only issue

Boston Section Lunch

- More info on location and time to follow.
 - *May* be covered by the Section

FBA Annual Meeting

- Some Section funding may be available. Details to follow.