



# REPRESENTATION OF COMBAT VETERANS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2013

TIME: 8:30 AM – 4:15 PM

LOCATION: GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

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# SCHEDULE

## **8:30 AM - 9:25 AM – OVERVIEW OF VETERANS BENEFITS CLAIMS SYSTEM**

*Featured Speaker: David Myers, Esq.; Topics include: Overview of the VA Benefits System; Elements of a Claim for Compensation; Pension; and, the Basics of a Successful Claim*

## **9:25 AM - 10:15 AM – OVERVIEW OF VETERANS HEALTH AND OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE OUTREACH COORDINATOR**

*Featured Speaker: Karen Carrington, JOC, Washington, DC VAMC; Topics include: Overview of VA Health Care; Nature and Function of Justice Outreach Coordinators; How the Veteran Fits into the System; Resources Available to the Defense Counsel; and, Introduction to Veterans Courts.*

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM – COFFEE BREAK (*Refreshments will be provided*)

## **10:30 AM – 11:30 AM – TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY/PTSD, A PRIMER**

*Featured Speaker: Stephen N. Xenakis, MD BG, USA (Ret.); Topics include: Basic Physiology of the Brain; Definitions of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI); Relating TBI to Behavior—Physical and Mental Effects; and, Interrelationship of PTSD and TBI—e.g. Why Did this Veteran Do What He/She Did?*

## **11:30 AM – 12:00 AM – QUESTIONS, DISCUSSION**

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM – LUNCH (*Lunch will be provided*)

## **1:00 PM – 1:45 PM – DEFENSE IN STATE COURTS**

*Featured Speaker: William J. Sheppard, Esq.; Topics include: Utilization of Available Resources; Successful Defense Strategies; Sentencing Strategies; and, Engaging the Prosecution*

## **1:45 PM – 2:20 PM – DEFENSE IN FEDERAL COURT**

*Featured Speaker, Michael Nachmanoff, Esq., Federal Defender, E.D.VA; Topics include: Strategies for the Defense in the Context of the Federal Court System; How to Relate to/Approach the Prosecution; and, Sentencing Strategies*

2:20 PM – 2:35 PM – BREAK (*Refreshments will be provided*)

## **2:35 PM – 3:20 PM – PROSECUTION PERSPECTIVE**

*Featured speaker: Thomas Cullen, Deputy Criminal Chief, United States Attorney's Office, W. D. VA ; Topics include: Information Needed by the Prosecution; Credibility; Expert Opinion; Role of JOC; and, Prosecutorial Decision-Making Process.*

## **3:20 PM – 4:15 PM – VETERANS COURTS, DISCUSSION**

*Featured Speakers: Hon. Robert S. Ballou, U.S. Magistrate Judge, W.D.VA, Kristin Pugh, VJO, and Semi Cilek, VAWP/04; Topics include: Veterans Courts: Why and How they Function; Relevance to the Taxpayer, the Community and Veteran Benefits; and, "It takes a village!"*

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