

Thursday, January 19, 2023

1:30 – 4:45 p.m.

Military & Veterans' Law Section

3.0 MCLE Credit Hours

Supreme Court Commission on CLE Course # 230490

Room Location: Congaree Room

Military and Veterans Law Update

This past year has brought seismic change to the Military and Veterans Law landscape!

Assistant Solicitor Jay Johnson, a retired Air National Guard pilot and veteran of Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom, will be joined by a panel of attorneys working in veterans courts around the state to discuss current issues they are encountering and the work that lies ahead to expand and improve our state's veterans courts.

Veterans disability law expert Kenny Dojaquez will then present an overview of the PACT Act, the most significant expansion of veterans' health care and benefits in more than 30 years, which allows for veterans to be compensated for exposure to toxic burn pits—a widespread danger throughout Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Finally, Jerrod Fussnecker, an Assistant Attorney General and U.S. Army Reserve Lieutenant Colonel, will present on the recent legislative overhaul of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. He will be joined by a panel of military law practitioners to discuss the ramifications of the creation of The Office of the Special Trial Counsel, which will replace the chain of command in determining the disposition of crimes such as murder, sexual assault, and domestic violence, while leaving the disposition of other crimes with the chain of command.

Agenda

- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **Successes and Challenges in South Carolina Veterans Courts**
Jay Johnson
Assistant Solicitor, 6th Circuit Solicitor's Office
Chester, SC
- Ivy Justice
Assistant Solicitor, 5th Circuit Solicitor's Office
Columbia, SC
- Jesse Williams
Assistant Solicitor, 13th Circuit Solicitor's Office
Greenville, SC
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. **Veterans Disability Law Update—The PACT Act**
Kenny Dojaquez
Carpenter Chartered Law Firm
Columbia, SC
- 3:30 – 3:45 p.m. **Break**
- 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. **Military Law Update—The Removal of the Chain of Command from Murder, Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Other Crimes**

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