



# A Lawyer's Guide to Veteran and Military Law

New Brunswick, NJ

April 25, 2017

## AGENDA

- 8:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am **Welcome and Course Overview**
- 9:05 am **Family Law for Military Families** — *Patricia Apy, Esq.*
- The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) and Its Impact on Divorce Litigation; Stopping Default Judgments
  - Custody and Visitation for Military Parents
  - Military Support Guidelines vs. Support Guidelines for Child and Spousal Support
  - Jurisdiction, Domicile, and Legal Residence
  - Paternity
  - Behavioral Health Concerns
  - The Survivor Benefit Plan
  - Military Dependent Benefits (former spouse benefits, education benefits)
  - Military Protective Orders
- 10:30 am Refreshment Break
- 10:40 am **Representing Veterans in the Criminal Justice System** — *Robert Ebberup, Esq.*
- Military Service Connected Issues Impacting Service Members' Behavior
    - Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
    - Traumatic Brain Injury
    - Drug Addiction
  - Veterans Assistance Project (NJ Supreme Court)
  - Veterans Criminal Diversion Programs
  - Proposed Legislation, including S307/A4362
  - Sentencing Issues
  - Federal Court Practice
- 11:10 am **Characterization of Discharge and Its Implications** — *Lt. Col. Sarajane Stenton, Esq.*
- Adverse Administrative Actions and Their Impact on a Military Career, Military Benefits, and Family Members
- 11:40 am **Needs-Based VA 'Pension' Benefits for Aged Veterans and Those with Non-Service Connected Disabilities** — *Donald D. Vanarelli, Esq.*
- Eligibility for Basic Pension, Housebound, and Aid and Attendance Benefits
  - Use of VA Pension Benefits in Medicaid Planning
- 12:10 pm **Disability Benefits: How to Become Accredited to Represent Veterans at the Agency** — *Nancy Morgan, Esq.*
- Basic eligibility of VA Benefits
  - Overview of Disability compensation (38 C.F.R. Chapter 11)
  - Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC Benefits)
  - Claims Procedures
- 1:00 pm Adjourn