



**The NDNY-FCBA's CLE Committee
In Partnership with Syracuse University College of Law's
Betty and Michael D. Wohl Veterans Legal Clinic**

Presents

"The Intersection of Federal Courts and Veterans Law"

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, August 19, 2020

Serving Those Who Served: Veterans Law and Federal Practice

This 1 hour CLE, led by the Syracuse University College of Law's Wohl Family Veterans Legal Clinic, will address the ways in which veterans law and military-derived cases can be brought into federal courts. The path these cases take prior to federal adjudication can be complex, and although administratively-based, the cases often move in a process not familiar to the civilian federal practitioner. In addition, these claims often do not follow the typical appellate procedures of civilian cases, so an understanding of the numerous statutory and regulatory guidelines is paramount. Lastly, traditional rules of trial procedure are often non-existent, or very abbreviated. In short – it can look like the Wild West.

Topics covered include: An Overview of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Claims and Appeal Process; The VA Board of Veterans' Appeals; The U.S. Court of Appeals for Veteran Claims; Military Service Review Boards Agency Appeals; and the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

PRESENTERS:

Beth Kubala, Teaching Professor and Executive Director of the Syracuse University College of Law Betty and Michael D. Wohl Veterans Legal Clinic (VLC). Kubala supervises student attorneys representing clients before the Department of Veterans Affairs, Discharge Review Boards, and Boards of Correction for Military Records. Kubala retired from the U.S. Army at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel following

22 years of active service. She served in numerous staff and leadership positions throughout her military service, with her last assignment as a Military Judge while stationed at Fort Drum, NY.

Chantal Wentworth-Mullin, Esq., Managing Director of the Wohl Family Veterans Legal Clinic at Syracuse University's College of Law. As Managing Director, Chantal oversees the Clinic's caseload, supports the Clinic's outreach program, and assists Veterans Clinic students in their representation of Veterans and their families in pursuit of discharge upgrades and Veterans' benefits. Before joining the College of Law, she worked at Stark Reagan in Michigan and previously at Legal Aid of North Carolina. She also started and directs the non-profit Mimi's Kids, which provides pro bono guardianship and adoption assistance for family members raising family members.

Matt Bulriss, Staff Attorney for the Veterans Legal Clinic. Before attending Syracuse College of Law, Bulriss served in the United States Army for ten years as an Infantryman with the 82nd Airborne and the New York Army National Guard. He completed multiple deployments to Afghanistan and held multiple leadership positions throughout his military service, including senior sniper, team leader, squad leader, and platoon sergeant. He served as a student in the Wohl Family Veterans Legal Clinic for two years before joining the clinic full time as its staff attorney.

Because of COVID-19 related restrictions, this CLE will be offered in a virtual setting, via Zoom. To register for this CLE webinar, click the link provided to receive a link to log in.

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