

VetLaw 2014: A Forum for Law Students & Lawyers Serving Veterans
Suite 4E400, 425 I Street, NW Washington, DC
April 2, 2014

8:00am – 8:30am: Forum Welcome

Introduction of General Counsel Will A. Gunn by Lara Eilhardt

Remarks by General Counsel

8:30am – 9:30am: Legal Needs of Veterans & VA Support for Legal Programs: Seth Bridge, Homeless Programs Office, VA Veterans Health Administration.

9:30am – 9:45am Break.

9:45am – 10:15am: Overview of Law School Clinical Programs Serving Veterans. Lara Eilhardt, VA Office of the General Counsel.

10:15am – 11:00am: Intro to VA Programs & Benefits: Rachael Brant, VA Office of the General Counsel.

11:00am – 11:15am: Break.

11:15am – 11:45am: Keynote Speaker: Major General (Ret) Clyde “Butch” Tate, former Deputy Judge Advocate General, U.S. Army.

11:45am – 12:45pm: Lunch on your own.

12:45pm – 1:15pm: Networking Time for Attendees.

1:15pm – 2:00pm: Fully Developed Claims: Procedures and Advantages: Jane Che & Mike Carr, VA Compensation Service.

2:00pm – 2:30pm Disability Benefits Questionnaires: Eric Mandle, VA Compensation Service.

2:30 – 2:45pm: Break.

2:45pm – 3:45pm Effective Advocacy in Veterans’ Appeals: Margaret Bartley, Associate Judge, US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; Vito A. Clementi, Veterans Law Judge, Board of Veterans’ Appeals; Moderator: James D. Ridgway, Board of Veterans’ Appeals.

3:45pm – 4:00pm: Break.

4:00pm – 5:00pm Veterans Service Organizations: Advocacy Advice for VA Claims and Appeals (panel discussion): Diane Boyd-Rauber, Paralyzed Veterans of America; Gerald T. Manar, Veterans of Foreign Wars; James Vale, Vietnam Veterans of America; Steven Wolf, Disabled American Veterans. Moderator: William F. Russo, VA Office of the General Counsel.

5:00pm – 5:15pm: Closing Remarks.