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# Experience

**Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida**

**Professor of Law; Director, Veterans Advocacy Clinic** (July 2014 - Present); **Director, Veterans Law Institute** (September 2017 – Present). Director of the Veterans Advocacy Clinic and the Veterans Law Institute. Responsible for planning and executing the growth, direction, and administration of the Veterans Advocacy Clinic, and the Veterans Law Institute at the Stetson University College of Law. In September 2014, the Veterans Advocacy Clinic became the first law school veterans clinic in the nation to enter into an official partnership with a medical school to serve veterans pursuing disability benefits. This unique collaboration allows law and medical professional students to collaborate in an inter-disciplinary fashion to provide a holistic approach in the representation and treatment of veterans. Primary responsibilities include creating, planning, and implementing curriculum and training for eight law students a semester in practical skills and administrative law by assisting veterans with filing disability compensation claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs and representing active duty service members in formal hearings before the Department of Defense to determine medical retirement awards and discharge upgrades; participating in the creation of and facilitating the College of Law’s relationship with the University of South Florida’s Morsani College of Medicine, a first-of-its-kind collaboration in the nation; teaching and speaking across the country to other clinicians on veterans benefits issues and the unique collaboration between law and medicine created in the Veterans Advocacy Clinic; speaking at multi-disciplinary professional gatherings and conferences concerning veterans issues; conducting outreach to homeless veterans; mentoring and cultivating fellows assigned to the Veterans Advocacy Clinic, to include Equal Justice Works fellows; recruiting professionals from collaborating disciplines and institutions to teach clinic students about related issues to include post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury; working collaboratively with other clinical programs at the school; mentoring and advising other law schools attempting to create similar veteran law clinical programs; creating collaborations with and providing training to the private bar on veterans law and case handling; creating and implementing a model for law school veteran clinical programs to work and train collaboratively with other professional programs in higher education. Law students participating in the Veterans Advocacy Clinic contribute over 2000 *pro bono* hours per year helping veterans navigate the claims process. This work has led to over 14 million dollars in future benefits to the clinic’s clients. In addition to the Veterans Advocacy Clinic, manage a staff attorney and office manager/paralegal.

Oversee policy and outreach missions of the Veterans Law Institute institutionally, in the local and state community, and nationally. Duties include: managing the Student Veteran Liaison staff position; recruiting veteran students to the law school; managing veteran student needs; advising the Student Veteran Organization; responding to national inquiries for information on our veteran activities; planning and executing community outreach; arranging for amici briefs at the federal courts regarding veteran issues while incorporating and supervising student writers; managing the Institute’s budget; acting as a liaison for the Veterans Law Institute to advise on legislation, policy, and larger veteran issues on the national, state, and local level; fostering relationships with Veterans Service Organizations and other local and national veterans groups; supporting the medical-legal partnership between local legal aid offices, Stetson University College of Law, and Bay Pines VA Medical Center which launched in 2017; serving as the supervisor of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims externship; serving as a National Veterans Moot Court team coach; serving as the law school’s liaison with the Florida Bar on veterans issues; and participating in fundraising and awareness activities for the Veterans Law Institute. Additionally teach Trusts and Estates and Administrative Law, manage student Independent Research Projects, the Family Law Externship, the Military Justice Externship, and other duties as requested and required.

**Professor of Law** (2019-present); **Associate Professor of Law** (2014-2019) (tenure awarded 2019)

**William & Mary Law School, Williamsburg, Virginia**

**Managing Attorney, Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Veterans Benefits Clinic; Professor of the Practice of Law** (May 2008 – July 2014). The founder and director of the nationally recognized Puller Clinic, initiated in 2008, responsible for planning and executing the creation and administration of this clinical program. The Puller Clinic was recognized in August 2013 as a national model for law schools serving veterans and was certified as a national “bets practice” clinical program in this area by Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Eric Shinseki. The Puller Clinic was one of only three organizations in the nation invited to participate in the VA’s Community of Practice and the only law school clinical program to be recognized by the VA. Primary responsibilities included creating, planning, and implementing curriculum and training for 14-16 law students a semester in practical skills and administrative law by assisting veterans with filing disability compensation claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs and representing active duty service members in formal hearings before the Department of Defense to determine medical retirement awards; participating in the creation of and facilitating the Puller Clinic’s relationship with Virginia Commonwealth University’s Center for Psychological Services and Development, the first-of-its-kind collaboration in the nation; creating, planning, and implementing “Helping Military Veterans through Higher Education” (HMVHE), a collaboration between numerous universities and colleges in and outside of Virginia to train graduate students in a cross-disciplinary setting, allow for research opportunities for faculty, and help veterans active duty military receive necessary access to help; teaching and speaking across the country to other clinicians on veterans benefits issues and the unique collaboration between law and psychology created in the Puller Clinic and HMVHE; speaking at multi-disciplinary professional gatherings and conferences concerning veterans issues; conducting outreach to homeless veterans throughout the Commonwealth; creating and managing the law school’s veterans law externship program with McGuireWoods, LLP; creating and cultivating relationship with other law firms to participate in mutual representations of veterans; participating in fundraising activities for the Puller Clinic to include crowdsourcing, individual donors, and campaign fundraising, which have culminated in two large grants and several smaller grants and donations, including two grants for $100,000 each from the Jessie Ball DuPont Foundation; serving as a liaison for federal and state government representatives; serving as a liaison with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the White House; serving as the law school’s liaison with the Virginia Bar Association on veterans issues; mentoring and cultivating fellows assigned to the Puller Clinic, to include Equal Justice Works fellows; fostering relationships with Veterans Service Organizations and other local and national veterans groups; recruiting professionals from collaborating disciplines/institutions to teach clinic students about related issues to include post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury; working collaboratively with other clinical programs at the school including the newly created Elder Law Clinic; overseeing the creation of relationship with other professional programs across Virginia to partner with the Puller Clinic; mentoring and advising other law schools attempting to create similar clinical programs; creating collaborations with and providing training to the private bar on veterans law and case handling; creating and implementing the national model for law school veteran clinical programs to work and train collaboratively with other professional programs in higher education to include psychology, nursing, and business; communicating with local, regional, and national press agencies/news outlets about the Puller Clinic’s work. The Puller Clinic’s work during this period resulted in over $12.4 million in future benefits for its veteran clients and an average 116% increase in the level of benefits a veteran received. Law students invest 330 hours of work per case over a two year period resulting in a total of approximately $428,535 worth of *pro bono* services a year to the veteran community. Through the Puller Clinic’s efforts 14 veterans were diagnosed with previously undiagnosed mental health conditions and 8 veterans have had previous misdiagnoses corrected.

**Adjunct Professor of Law** (November 2004-April 2013) Courses taught include:

*Veterans Benefits Course I*(3 credit hours): Each semester Spring 2009-present.

*Veterans Benefits Course II* (3 credit hours): Each semester Spring 2010-present.

*Internet Law* (3 credit hours): Fall 2007, fall 2008, summer 2009, Spring 2010,

Summer 2010, summer 2011.

*Technology-Augmented Trial Advocacy*(4 credit hours): Spring 2007, spring 2008,

Spring 2009, spring 2010, spring 2011.

*Legal Skills I/III* (2 credit hours): Fall 2004, fall 2005, fall 2006, fall 2007, fall 2008,

Fall 2009, fall 2010, fall 2011.

*Legal Skills II/IV* (2 credit hours): Spring 2005, spring 2006, spring 2007, spring 2008,

Spring 2009, spring 2010, spring 2011.

*Electronic Discovery* (Guest Lecturer): 2007-2012.

 Continuing legal education courses taught include:

*Veterans Benefits Law*

*Technology Augmented Trial Advocacy for the Office of Military Commissions*

*Technology Augmented Trial Advocacy for the Prosecutors of the Commonwealth of*

*Virginia*

*What’s the Meta with Your Documents?  The Secrets Your Documents May Be Giving*

*Away and How to Fix Them*

 *Computer Security for Attorneys*

*PowerPoint for Attorneys:  Advocacy and Evidentiary Considerations*

*Electronic Discovery:  Meet and Confer*

**Associate Director for Research, Professional Education & Terrorism Prosecution, Center for Legal & Court Technology** (November 2004-July 2011) Staff member of international demonstration, educational, and training project designed to improve the administration of justice through the appropriate use of technology; primarily responsible for the education of judges and attorneys in the areas of law, legal technology, trial practice, and evidentiary concerns; directing the development and implementation of continuing legal education programs for judges and attorneys. Created, planned, executed, and managed the courtroom trial technology training program received by Office of Military Commissions personnel and non-governmental organization participants in the military tribunals in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

**Private Practice**

**Johnson, Gasink, & Baxter, LLP, Of-Counsel, Williamsburg, Virginia** (January 2013 – January 2014). Represented veteran and elderly clients in matters involving Elder Law to include: estate planning; qualifying for veteran, state, and federal benefits; guardianship; powers of attorney; and long-term care planning.

**The Matthews Law Group, PLLC, Attorney, Richmond, Virginia** (January 2010 – January 2013). Represented veteran and elderly clients in matters involving Elder Law to include: estate planning; qualifying for veteran, state, and federal benefits; guardianship; powers of attorney; and long-term care planning.

**United States Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps**

**Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Eustis, VA**

**Chief, Administrative Law Division** (May 2003 - November 2004). Provided supervision, guidance, and direction to four attorneys and support staff, serving as in-house counsel specializing in government contracts, fiscal, labor and employment, environmental, ethics, regulatory, and general administrative law; provided Commanding General and staff timely, accurate, and relevant guidance and advice on all legal issues encountered in the operation of a major military training installation; served as Commanding General’s subject-matter expert on rules and procedures for the law of military installations; represented the U.S. Army before Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Merit Services Protection Board; developed and implemented ethics training for approximately 13,000 civilian employees and soldiers on the installation that was recognized for distinction by the Office of Government Ethics; created and taught numerous classes on various administrative law topics, the Law of War, and Military Justice; drafted regulations for Fort Eustis that adapted to changes in the federal rules concerning the management of military installations; managed over 1,600 legal actions and assigned them throughout the administrative law section for action. Additional duties included interviewing and assessing attorney and student candidates for the JAG Corps and serving as Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

**Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Polk, LA**

**Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana** (August 2000 - May 2002). Chief Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for Fort Polk, a military installation serving approximately 115,000 active and retired military members, civilian employees, and military family members; supervised one attorney and a clerk of court; investigated and prosecuted misdemeanor caseload of approximately 4,000 arraignments, several hundred guilty pleas, 40 sentencing hearings, and 40 contested trials.

**Military Prosecuting Attorney**(June 2002 - May 2003). Tried courts-martial of military offenders and represented the Army in involuntary administrative separation proceedings for soldiers; drafted and argued motions; conducted legal research into state and federal laws and regulations; advised commanders daily on legal matters encountered; supervised, trained, and counseled five paralegals; provided training to military police on search and seizure, evidence, criminal procedure, and interrogation.

**Federal Claims and Litigation Attorney/Legal Assistance** (April 2000 - May 2002). Investigated, researched, negotiated, adjudicated, and prepared for the litigation of medical malpractice, personal injury, and property damage claims filed against the United States; advised clients on consumer, family, contract, and trusts and estates matters.

**The Hon. Chief Judge Susan J. Crawford, U. S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, Washington, DC**

**Junior Commissioner** (August - December 2000). Assisted in the drafting of opinions; researched and prepared memoranda and summaries of pending appeals.

**Law Clerk** (Summer 1998). Drafted the opinion in the case of *United States v. Michael Johnson*, 49 M.J. 467 (C.A.A.F. 1998).

**PANELS, PRESENTATIONS, LEGAL CLINICS**

[**Service Connection for MS Due to Toxic Exposure: A Case Study in Seeing a Challenging Case through from the CAVC to an Agency Win**](https://www2.stetson.edu/law-faculty-highlights/service-connection-for-ms-due-to-toxic-exposure-a-case-study-in-seeing-a-challenging-case-through-from-the-cavc-to-an-agency-win/)**,** National Organization of Veterans Advocates, Gulfport, FL, May 2024. Presenter.

[**Analyzing The Impact of The Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act**](https://www2.stetson.edu/law-faculty-highlights/analyzing-the-impact-of-the-appeals-improvement-and-modernization-act/)**,** United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Bar and Bench Conference, Baltimore, MD, September 2023. Panelist.

**2023 National Conference on Special Needs Planning and Special Needs Trusts**, St. Petersburg, October 2021. Presenter with Judge Michael Allen: *Veterans Benefits.*

**National Law School Veterans Clinic Consortium Conference**, Panelist: Best Practices for Veterans Clinics, Virtual, FL, June 2022.

**2022 National Conference on Special Needs Planning and Special Needs Trusts**, St. Petersburg, October 2021. Presenter with Judge Michael Allen: *Veterans Benefits.*

**2021 National Conference on Special Needs Planning and Special Needs Trusts**, St. Petersburg, October 2021. Presenter with Judge Michael Allen: *Veterans Benefits.*

[**Panel With the Judges: Brief Writing Tips and Tricks**](https://www2.stetson.edu/law-faculty-highlights/moderator-for-panel-with-the-judges-brief-writing-tips-and-tricks/)**,** Moderator, United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Bar Association, Virtual, FL, USA, August 2021.

[**All Hands On Deck: Veterans Justice Imperative**](https://www2.stetson.edu/law-faculty-highlights/all-hands-on-deck-veterans-justice-imperative/), Georgetown Law and The Veterans Pro Bono Consortium, Virtual, FL, September 2020.

[**Practicing Veterans Law (with Judge Michael Allen**)](https://www2.stetson.edu/law-faculty-highlights/practicing-veterans-law-with-judge-michael-allen/), Stetson Law Introduction Course, Virtual, FL, June 2020.

**CAVC Bar Association Case Law Update**, Virtual, May 2020. Panelist.

**ABA Digital Lobby Day at Congress,** Virtual, April 2020. Panelist.

**Veterans Benefits 2020 Family Guardianship Expo**, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, FL (January 2020). Speaker.

**The Future of Advocacy Conference**, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, FL, (November 2019). Speech: Advocacy in Veterans Law.

**Federal Circuit Symposium**, American University Law Review, Washington DC (November 2019). Panelist: Veterans Law and the Federal Circuit.

**2019 National Conference on Special Needs Planning and Special Needs Trusts**, St. Petersburg, October 2019. Presenter with Judge Michael Allen and Chief Judge Robert Davis: *Veterans Benefits.*

**Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Fourteenth Judicial Conference**, Washington DC, April 2019. Plenary Panelist: *Updates on Veterans Law.*

**Congressman Charlie Crist’s Panel on Agent Orange**, Seminole, FL, February 2019. Panelist.

**American Bankruptcy Institute’s and Stetson University College of Law’s 43rd Annual Alexander L. Paskay Memorial Bankruptcy Seminar,** Tampa, FL, February 2019. Presenter: *Pro Bono for Veterans.*

**2018 National Conference on Special Needs Planning and Special Needs Trusts**, St. Petersburg, October 2018. Presenter with Judge Michael Allen: *Veterans Benefits.*

**2018 Annual Meeting on Law and Society,** Toronto Canada, June 2018. Panelist: *A Decade and a Crossroads: The Past, Present, and Future of Veterans Treatment Courts in the United States.*

**2018 American Association of Law Schools Clinic Conference,** Chicago, May 2018. Plenary Panelist: *Identifying and Pursuing Interest Convergence.*

**2018 National Law School Veterans Clinic Consortium Conference,** Washington, DC, March 2018. Panelist: *Building a Veterans Clinic;* Moderator: *Clinics Working With Private Attorneys*; Presenter: *Update on Veterans Treatment Courts.*

**2017 National Conference on Special Needs Planning and Special Needs Trusts**, St. Petersburg, October 2017. Presenter with Judge Michael Allen: *Veterans Benefits.*

**National Organization of Veterans Advocates Annual Conference**, St. Pete Beach, October 2017. Presenter: *Case Study: Bringing It All Together.*

**Uniform Law Commission Summer Meeting**, San Diego, July 2017. Reporter: *Model Veterans Treatment Court Act/Rules Final Reading.*

**Hot Topics in Elder Law: Veterans Benefits**, June 2017, Panelist with Chief Judge Robert Davis, United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

**Hot HNational Organization of Veterans Advocates Annual Conference**, San Antonio, April 2017. Panelist: *Mentoring the Next Generation: Lawyers and Law Schools Working Together to Provide Help to Veterans.*

**South Carolina Law School VA2J Symposium on Veteran Access to Justice**, Columbia, South Carolina, December 2016. Panelist: *What We Know and Need to Know About Medical-Legal Partnerships.*

**University of Missouri Law School’s Veterans Clinic Symposium: Traumatic Brain Injury 2.0**, Columbia, Missouri, November 2016. Presenter: *Servicemembers and Traumatic Brain Injury.*

**Stanford Law Veterans Court Conference**, Webinar, May 2016. Presenter: *Uniform Law Commission Model Veterans Treatment Court Act*.

**Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Thirteenth Judicial Conference**, Washington DC, April 2016. Planning Committee Member and Panelist: *Ethics and Veterans Law.*

**Victory Media**, Webinar, February 2016. Panelist: *Serving Our Heroes: Military Friendly® Schools Give Back.*

**American Association of Law Schools, Disability Law**, **Co-Sponsored by Law and Mental Disability, Law, Medicine and Health Care**, New York City, January 2016. Presenter: *The Wounded Warrior Comes Home:  Exploring the Impact of Disabled Veterans on Disability, Health, and Other Law and Policy.*

**American Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Series**, Webinar, November 2015. Presenter: *VA Pensions – Income Security for Veterans and Their Families.*

**Second Annual National Conference on Law Clinics Serving Veterans**, Washington DC, November 2015. Moderator: *Advanced Clinic Management.*

**Southeastern Association of Law Schools,** Boca Raton, Florida, August 2015. Panelist: *New Scholars Colloquia.*

**Southeastern Association of Law Schools,** Boca Raton, Florida, August 2015. Discussant: ***Veterans Clinics—Serving Those Who Served.***

**John Marshall Law School Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic, Veterans Legal Clinics: A How to Conference**, Chicago, Illinois, September 2014. Presenter: ***The Mission: Clinic Structure and Services.***

**National Conference on Law Clinics Serving Veterans**, Washington DC, April 2014. Panelist: *Legal Needs of Veterans;* Moderator: *Psychological Needs of Veterans;* Instructor: *Introduction to Veterans Benefits Law.*

**Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Twelfth Judicial Conference**, Washington DC, April 2013. Panelist: *Law School Clinical Programs Helping Veterans.*

**American Psychological Association,** Orlando, VA, August 2012. Panelist:  *A Novel Collaboration – Law and Psychology Training Clinics Assist Veterans*.

**Virginia CLE**, Charlottesville, Virginia, June 2012. Instructor: *Practicing Veterans Benefits Law (accreditation course)*.

**121st Virginia Bar Association Meeting**, Hot Springs, Virginia, July 2011. Panelist: *Lawyers Helping Warriors: Our Obligations to Servicemembers Returning From Combat*.

**AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education**, **Learning for Transfer: (Re)conceptualizing What We Do in Clinics and Across the Curriculum**, Seattle, Washington, June 2011. Panelist: *Looking Beyond the Law in Problem-Solving*.

**John Marshall Law School Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic, Military Service & the Law, Issues of Justice and Dignity at Home & Abroad Conference**, Chicago, Illinois, June 2011. Presenter: ***The Nuts & Bolts of Establishing a Law School Veterans Clinic*.**

**Virginia Bar Association's Veterans Task Force, Veterans Summit**, Richmond, Virginia, June 2011. Participant.

**John Marshall Law School Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic**, **Legal & Medical Issues Facing Our Nation’s Veterans**, November 2009, Chicago, Illinois. Panelist: *Forging a Relationship between Doctors and Lawyers*.

**AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education,** **Clients, Complexity & Collaboration in a Cross-Disciplinary Lens**, Cleveland Ohio, May 2009. Panelist: *Collaborative Learning across Disciplines through Clinics*.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

**United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, Judicial Advisory** **Committee**, appointed by the Chief Judge of the Court for three successive two-year appointments to the Committee advising the Court on improvements to the Court’s operations and the larger practice of veterans law (2023-present).

**Law School Outreach Committee Member, United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Bar Association**, (2022-present).

**Chair, Law School Outreach Committee, United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Bar Association**, (2020-2022).

**United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Bar Association**, elected for three-year term to Board of Governors (2019-2022).

**National Law School Veterans Clinic Consortium**, Founding Member, Executive Board Member (2016-2020), Secretary, November 2016 – May 2018; President, June 2018-June 2019; Treasurer, June 2019-June 2020; Chair, Scholarship Committee 2020-present; Member, Veterans Service Organization Committee, Legislation Committee, Advocacy Committee, Membership Committee, 2019-present.

**Uniform Law Commission, Model Veterans Treatment Court Act Committee,** Reporter, June 2015 – July 2017.

**MyVA Community Engagement, Tampa Bay Board**, Member, July 2015 – Present.

**Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, Annual Conference Planning Committee,** Member, August 2014 – Present.

**Hillsborough County Bar Association, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee,** Member, September 2014 – Present.

**Virginia Bar Association's Veterans Task Force,** Member, March 2011 – July 2014.

**Army One Source Legal Alliance Board Member,** Member, February 2012 – July 2014.

**Helping Military Veterans through Higher Education**, Founding Board Member,

February 2011 – July 2014.

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Review of Recent Veterans Law Decisions of the Federal Circuit: 2022-2023 Edition* (with Duterte and McClean)*,* 73 AM.U.L.REV. 1091 (2024).

Veterans Benefits: Law, Theory, & Practice (with Boelzner) (Carolina Academic Press 2023).

*Review of Recent Veterans Law Decisions of the Federal Circuit: 2021 Edition* (with Drake and Duterte)*,* 71 AM.U.L.REV. 1619 (2022).

[*Drug & Alcohol Discharges*](https://www2.stetson.edu/law-faculty-highlights/drug-alcohol-discharges/) (with Matthews), in Military Discharge Upgrade Legal Practice Manual (ABA) (Kuzma, Montalto, Gwin, and Nagin eds. 1st ed. 2020–2021).

[*Veterans Day 2021*](https://www2.stetson.edu/law-faculty-highlights/veterans-day-2021/) (with MacIsaac), 1 Paraclete, St Pete Bar Journal 1 (2021).

*Review of Recent Veterans Law Decisions of the Federal Circuit: 2020 Edition* (with Drake and Duterte)*,* 70 AM.U.L.REV. 1381 (2021).

[*Veterans Day 2020*](https://www2.stetson.edu/law-faculty-highlights/veterans-day-2020/) (with MacIsaac), Paraclete, St Pete Bar Journal (online) (2020).

[*Veterans Treatment Court Act*](https://www2.stetson.edu/law-faculty-highlights/veterans-treatment-court-act/)(with MacIsaac), ABA Health Law Section November Magazine, November 2020.

*Review of Recent Veterans Law Decisions of the Federal Circuit* (with Drake and Duterte)*,* 69 Am.U.L.Rev 1343 (2020).

*Thirty Years of Veterans Law: Welcome to the Wild West,* 67 U.Kan.L.Rev 513 (2019).

*Depriving our Veterans of Their Constitutional Rights: An Analysis of The Department of Veterans Affairs’ Practice of Stripping Veterans of their Second Amendment Rights and Our Nation’s Response,* 19 Utah.L.Rev. 1 (2019).

*The Need for Better Medical Evidence in VA Disability Compensation Cases and the Argument for More Medical-Legal Partnerships*, 68 S.C. L. Rev. 223 (2016).

# *Thirty Years after “Walters” the Mission is Clear, the Execution is Muddled: A Fresh Look at the Supreme Court's Decision to Deny Veterans the Due Process Right to Hire Attorneys in the VA Benefits Process,* 84 U. Cin. L. Rev. 671 (2016).

Servicemember and Veterans Rights, Co-Editor and Contributor (Clauss & Simcox, eds.) Matthew Bender, 2016.

*Veterans Benefits* (with Cimino)*,* inServicemember and Veterans Rights, 6-1 (Clauss & Simcox, eds., 2016).

*Massing Fire on TBI and PTSD: The Importance of Working with Medical and Mental Health Professionals* (with Flores and Matthews),inServicemember and Veterans Rights, 8-1 (Clauss & Simcox eds., 2016).

*Lightening the VA’s Rucksack: a Proposal for Higher Education Medical-Legal Partnerships to Assist the VA in Efficiently and Accurately Granting Veterans Disability Compensation,* 25 Cornell J.L. & Pub. Pol'y 141 (2015).

*Understanding TBI in Our Nation’s Military and Veterans: Its Occurrence, Identification and Treatment, and Legal Ramifications***(**with Mattingly & Marrero), 84 UMKC L. Rev. 373 (2015).

***Trusts and Estates for Veterans and Active-Duty Families* (with Matthews), in American Bar Association Military Families Guide (2013).**

**QUOTED/LEGISLATION**

**Indiana Commission on Military and Veterans Affairs** (September 25, 2013 Meeting Minutes), which led to drafting of Indiana Code 10-17-12.5 (signed into law March 25, 2014).

**TESTIMONY**

**Before the Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation** (April 23, 2012).

**MEDIA**

**National** [**NPR**, (February 2024), *Veterans and Gun Rights*](https://www2.stetson.edu/law-faculty-highlights/npr-interview-about-veterans-and-gun-rights/).

**Real Cases: A Legal Podcast**, (Fall 2022), *The First Line of Defense.*

**American Homefront Project (NPR national show),** (January 24, 2022), *More Vietnam Vets Qualify For Disability Benefits, But It May Be Years Before They See The Money.*

**WUSF 89.7 (NPR), (quoted)** (October 28, 2018), *Clinic’s Wellness Design Features Natural Light, Soundproofing, and Security.*

**Florida Record and ChronLaw, (quoted)** (March 6, 2017), *Stetson Law Students Help Veterans Navigate VA.*

**Orlando Sentinel, (quoted)** (January 24, 2017), *Accused Airport Shooter Was Troubled Veteran Who Slipped through the Cracks.*

**South Florida Sun Sentinel**, (quoted) (January 23, 2017), *Safety Net Failed Troubled Veteran.*

**News Interview NewsChannel 8, NBC, Tampa Bay** (August 2015, August 2016).

**Taking the Hill with Patrick Murphy, MSNBC (television interview)** (February 22, 2015).

**Off The Base with Bobbie O’Brien, WUSF 89.7 (NPR)** (February 2015, March 2016, December 2016).

**The Oracle, Tampa, Florida (quoted)** (November 23, 2014), *Sorting through the VA: USF Health/Stetson Partner to Help Veterans Receive Benefits*.

**Hearsay with Cathy Lewis, WHRV (NPR) 89.5** (November 11, 2013), *Continuing to Serve Those Who Serve.*

**Hearsay with Cathy Lewis, WHRV (NPR) 89.5** (June 5, 2013), *Serving the Needs of Our Service Men and Women.*

**AP Article (quoted)** (May 27, 2013), *Law School Clinics Seen as Possible Way to Help Reduce VA Backlog on Vets’ Disability Benefits.*

**News Interview WVEC ABC 13 Norfolk, Virginia** (May 28, 2013).

**Daily Press Hampton Roads, Virginia (quoted)** (April 30, 2013), *Cutting the VA Backlog: William and Mary May Have National Model.*

**Richmond Times Dispatch, Op-Ed, Stacey-Rae Simcox and Ernie Gates**, (November 24, 2011), *Binding up the Invisible Wounds.*

**Hearsay with Cathy Lewis, WHRV 89.5** (November 7, 2011), *Veterans Day: Serving Veterans Legal Needs.*

**Daily Press Hampton Roads, Virginia** (**quoted)** (July 4, 2011), *William and Mary Veteran’s Clinic Aids Fight for Benefits.*

**News Interview WVEC ABC 13 Norfolk, Virginia** (November 11, 2009).

**Flat Hat, Williamsburg, Virginia** (November 11, 2008), *Internet Law Class Turns to Virtual Reality.*

**PROFESSIONAL HONORS**

[**Legal Scholars Award**](https://www2.stetson.edu/law-faculty-highlights/legal-scholars-award/)**,** The Veterans Pro Bono Organization, Washington DC, (November 2023).

[**Best Veterans Law Publication of the Year**](https://www2.stetson.edu/law-faculty-highlights/best-veterans-law-publication-of-the-year/), National Law School Veterans Clinic Consortium, Washington DC, (September 2023).

[**Virginia State Bar 2023 Pro Bono Service Honor Roll**](https://www2.stetson.edu/law-faculty-highlights/virginia-state-bar-2023-pro-bono-service-honor-roll/)**,** Virginia Access to Justice Commission, Virginia State Bar, Richmond, VA, (May 2023).

**Veterans Community Service Award,** National Association of Veterans Advocates, Phoenix, AZ (March 2022).

**Stetson Student Bar Association Educator of the Year** (Stetson University College of Law) (2019-2020).

**Volunteer Inspiring Pro Bono Award** (Stetson University College of Law), The Veterans Consortium, Washington DC (March 2020).

**Distinguished Service Award,** Marine Corps League of Florida, St. Petersburg, FL (November 2019).

**Dickerson-Brown Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship** (Stetson University College of Law) (May 2016).

**Virginia State Bar’s 2013 Lewis F. Powell Jr. Pro Bono Award to the Puller Clinic** (William & Mary Law School) (April 2013): For service to veterans with service connected disabilities and to active duty service members.

**2012 Walter L. Williams, Jr. Memorial Teaching Award Recipient** (William & Mary Law School) (May 2013).

# Education

**William & Mary Law School**, Williamsburg, VA. J.D., May 1999.

Honors: William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law; Honors Scholarship; Honors in Legal Skills I, II, & IV (excellence in research, writing, analysis, and trial and appellate practice)

# Liberty University, Rawlings School of Divinity, Lynchburg, VA. M.Div., December 2016.

# Ohio University, Athens, OH; B.S.C. Communications/B.A. Sociology, *Cum Laude,* June 1996.

# Honors: *Alpha Kappa Delta* (International Sociology Honor Society);Golden Key National Honor Society; *Lambda Pi Eta* (National Communication Honor Society);Paramount’s Kings Island Academic and Civic Scholar.

# Bar Admissions

# Commonwealth of Virginia, 1999

# United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 1999

# United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, 1999

# United States Army Court of Criminal Appeals, 1999

United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, 2011

United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 2015

United States Supreme Court, 2023