

Corrected Order
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

Misc. No. 06-23

IN RE: JUDICIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ORDER

By Miscellaneous Order 04-17, the Court's Judicial Advisory Committee (JAC), composed of 11 people who represent a cross section of individuals and entities sharing a common interest in improving the Court's operations and enhancing the practice of veterans law, was established in an effort to improve the administration of justice within the Court's jurisdiction. It is

ORDERED that, in addition to the current members (Gregory O. Block, David J. Barrans, Mary A. Flynn, Anthony C. Scire, Jr., Glenn R. Bergmann, Barton F. Stichman, and Zachary M. Stolz), the following persons are appointed to the Court's Judicial Advisory Committee:

Virginia A. Girard-Brady, President of the National Organization of Veterans' Advocates, vice Glenda S. Herl;

Jillian E. Berner, President of the CAVC Bar Association, vice Jenna E. Zellmer;

Stacey-Rae Simcox, Director of Veterans Law Institute and Director of Veterans Advocacy Clinic, Stetson University College of Law, vice Daniel L. Nagin; and

Aniela K. Szymanski, Vice Chair of the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program, vice Leonard J. Selfon. It is further

ORDERED that, as of April 26, 2023, the amended mission statement of the JAC is

To provide leadership in advising the Court on issues and concerns confronting the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims as it strives to improve its function of providing prompt, full, and fair judicial review of appeals from the Board of Veterans' Appeals.

The Judicial Advisory Committee (JAC) represents a cross section of the Court's constituency. In general, JAC members are appointed by the Court based on their individual experience, perspective, and ability to contribute to the JAC's mission. Although members' current positions within stakeholder organizations or communities are relevant to these qualifications, JAC members are not appointed for the purpose of representing or acting on behalf of a particular constituency when serving as a member of the JAC. Members are expected to exercise professional discretion in communicating about any subject matter discussed within the committee to anyone outside the committee

The committee will meet regularly to exchange ideas on issues, problems, procedures, or improvements to the Court's operations and the larger practice of veterans law. The committee's activities may include, but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Identifying and prioritizing issues and concerns affecting Court administration and recommending solutions;
- (2) Proposing changes to the Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure or Court forms, for referral to the Court's Rules Advisory Committee;
- (3) Reviewing relevant legislation and policy, advising the Court on the potential impact of such, and recommending alternative proposals;
- (4) Recommending pilot projects and other programs to evaluate new procedures or practices;
- (5) Acting on assignments referred by the Court; and
- (6) Making other appropriate recommendations to the Court.

JAC-Endorsed Perspectives on JAC Membership

Perspectives currently represented on the JAC that should continue to be represented:

- Chair: Clerk of the Court (ex officio)
- USCAVC Bar Association
- National Organization of Veterans' Advocates
- Appellants Bar (private law firms)
- Appellants Bar (nonprofit organizations)
- Law School Veterans Legal Clinics
- Veterans Service Organizations
- Board of Veterans' Appeals
- VA Office of General Counsel (Benefits Law Group)
- VA Office of General Counsel (Appellate Litigation Group)
- Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program

In addition to the above, the Court should add such other members/perspectives as the Court deems helpful to fulfill the JAC's mission.

DATED: June 6, 2023

FOR THE COURT:

/s/ Gregory O. Block
GREGORY O. BLOCK
Clerk of the Court