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Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic

Legal and Medical Issues Facing Our Nation's Veterans

November 7 and 8, 2008

Featured Presenters

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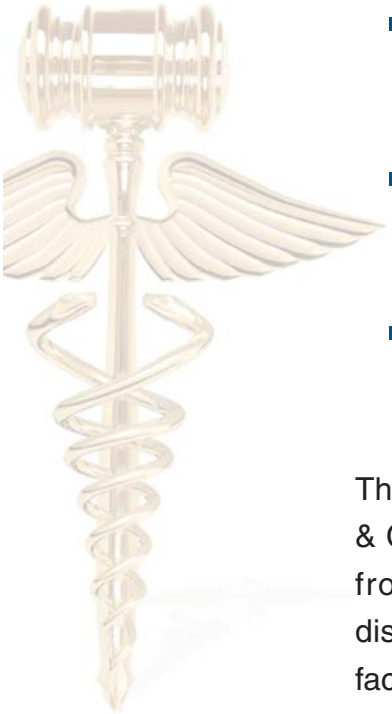


Veterans are returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with serious physical and mental disabilities. In many cases, it may take years for the full extent of the injuries to become manifest.

- A Pentagon study of more than 300,000 servicemembers showed that combat veterans were twice as likely as the general population to commit suicide.
- Another study found that one-third of the combat veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan report depression, generalized anxiety, or posttraumatic stress.
- Modern medicine is able to keep more battlefield casualties alive, but survivors often come back with serious physical injuries or with debilitating impairment to their senses.

The John Marshall Law School Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic is proud to present a two-day program featuring experts from the medical, military, and legal professions, who will discuss the legal and medical issues that our wounded warriors face upon their return home.

Among the goals of this conference are: educating the legal and medical professions; developing efficiencies and improving the quality of the services given to our nation's veterans; developing best clinical practices; as well as enhancing coordination between the legal and medical professions.

Program Highlights

Friday, November 7

- **Keynote Address by Tammy Duckworth,** Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs
  - — During a mission in Iraq in November 2004, a rocket-propelled grenade destroyed the cockpit of the Blackhawk helicopter Tammy Duckworth was co-piloting. She suffered grave injuries, losing both legs and partial use of one arm. Since coming home from Iraq, Duckworth has been active in the public arena, regularly speaking to veterans groups, testifying before Congress on issues of medical care for returning veterans, and running for a US Congressional seat. A recipient of the Purple Heart and the Air Medal, Duckworth is currently a major with the Illinois National Guard.
- **Panel discussion about efforts being made to create a smoother transition from the military to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**
  - — Leading this discussion will be John Marshall alumnus Henry Nolan (JD '75), Special Assistant to the General Counsel, US Department of Veterans Affairs.
- **Presentation by Dr. Felise Zollman,** Medical Director of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago Brain Injury Medicine and Rehabilitation Program, on traumatic brain injury, the signature injury of our current conflicts.
- **Panel discussion on the heroic efforts made to treat wounded service members on the battlefield**
  - — Includes Air Force personnel who fly our wounded from the battlefield back to the States
- **Panel discussion on emerging issues,** such as mandatory vaccination, new developments in Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and employment issues confronting returning service members

Reception

On Friday evening, all conference attendees are invited to a reception at Chicago's historic Union League Club, where they will have the opportunity to meet leaders in the legal, medical, business, political, and veterans service communities.

Saturday, November 8

- **Panel discussion on law school veterans clinics**
  - — Includes discussion of clinical best practices
- **Panel discussion on the relationship between doctors and lawyers**
  - — Exploring ways legal and medical institutions can work together to assist veterans

Program Schedule (subject to change)

Friday

8:00 a.m. Registration

8:45 a.m. Welcome

Richard M. Daley
Mayor
City of Chicago (invited)

9:00 a.m. Keynote Address

Tammy Duckworth
Director
Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs

9:45 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. Transitioning from the Military to the VA

Major Joseph Topinka
US Army
Judge Advocate General's Corps

Henry Nolan (JD '75)
Special Assistant to the General Counsel
US Department of Veterans Affairs

12:00 p.m. Luncheon Address

Pat Quinn
Lieutenant Governor
State of Illinois

1:00 p.m. Battlefield Medicine

Lt. Col. Diane Doty, MS, RN
United States Air Force Reserve Nurse Corps

Col. Elspeth Cameron Ritchie, MD, MPH
Adult and Forensic Psychiatrist, Medical Director
Directorate Office of Army
The Surgeon General

2:00 p.m. Traumatic Brain Injury

Felise Zollman, MD
Medical Director
Brain Injury Medicine and Rehabilitation Program
Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Emerging Issues

Major Thomas D. White Jr. (LLM '08)
US Army Judge Advocate General's Corps

John Michels
Partner
McGuire Woods LLP

Craig Kabatchnick
Supervising Attorney
North Carolina Central School of Law Veterans Law Clinic

4:00 p.m. What the VA Needs from Doctors

Keith Stabler
Chief, Judicial and Advisory Review Staff
Compensation and Pension Service
US Department of Veterans Affairs (invited)

4:30 p.m. Veteran Services Organizations

Matt Randle
Institutional Outreach Coordinator
Vets4Vets

Bo Rollins
Director of Field Services
Veterans Benefits Department
Paralyzed Veterans of America

Vietnam Veterans of America *(invited)*

5:30 p.m. Reception

Union League Club

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Law School Veterans Clinics

Tom Reed
Director
Veterans Law Clinic
Widener University School of Law

Joseph C. Zengerle
Executive Director
Clinic for Legal Assistance to Servicemembers
George Mason University School of Law

John Lynn
Assistant Dean for Administration
Southern Illinois University School of Law

Joon Sung
Visiting Assistant Professor
University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (invited)

10:15 a.m. Working with Strategic Partners

Selene Edmonds
Director
LexisNexis Cares Global

Dan Grant
Senior Policy Advisor
Office of Lt. Governor Pat Quinn

Harry Sawyer
Manager, Field Service
Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs

Megan Moore
Director of Publishing
Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education

11:30 a.m. Break

11:45 a.m. Forging a Relationship Between Doctors & Lawyers

Stacey-Rae Simcox
Associate Director for Research, Professional Education, and Terrorism Prosecution Adjunct Professor of Law
The William and Mary Law School

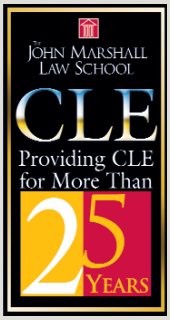
Leticia Y. Flores, PhD
Director
Center for Psychological Services and Development Virginia Commonwealth University

Kevin Hull (JD '00)
Hull Partners

Henry Betts
Former President and CEO
Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago

Paul Larson, PhD
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology

1:00 p.m. Conclusion



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The Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic (VLSC) is one of the first law school organizations in the country dedicated solely to addressing the legal needs of veterans seeking their benefits from the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Hundreds of thousands of veterans have returned home from the battlefield with serious life-altering injuries, but many are not receiving the full benefits to which they are entitled. A number of organizations and studies have highlighted the unavailability of competent legal representation for our veterans. This lack of representation creates a devastating and unjust result: veterans do not receive the legal aid that is often the difference in whether or not they will receive their full benefits in an efficient manner.

The purpose of the VLSC is to assist veterans filing VA benefit claims and to provide representation for veterans during the appeals process through our statewide network of *pro bono* attorneys.

Simply put, the VLSC is dedicated to serving the men and women who served the nation.

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