

CLE OPPORTUNITY FOR ATTORNEYS: **MILITARY LEGAL ASSISTANCE ISSUES**

Presented by the **American Bar Association**
Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel

Thursday, October 15, 2020
12:00–3:15 p.m. ET

Legal Issues for Military Families with Special Needs

3 CLE credit hours have been requested

WHAT: This is an educational program for lawyers on current developments in the areas of military and veterans' law. This program will focus on legal issues for military families with special needs. It will address the common educational and school related issues that military families with special needs face and how the law can help them. This session will also concentrate on special needs planning, including special needs trusts, guardianship issues, and public benefits.

See page 2 for the detailed program schedule.

WHO: This program is designed for military attorneys working in legal assistance, as well as civilian lawyers whose practices involve military-connected clients or issues.

WHERE: **Webinar**

WHEN: Thursday, October 15, 2020
12:00–3:15 p.m. ET

HOW: **Register in advance online by visiting <http://ambar.org/lampcle>.**
Registration deadline for the live CLE webinar is October 14, 2020.

Not available for the live webinar on October 15? If you sign up now, you will have access to the On-Demand webinar thereafter.

COST: For this 3-hour CLE: \$45 for ABA members; \$90 for non-members.

FREE for all military attorneys (Judge Advocates), military paralegals, and civilians employed by the military who sign-up before the live webinar.

MATERIALS: Participants are encouraged to download CLE program materials, beginning October 14. Registrants will be emailed instructions for downloading materials.



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Moderator: Dawn Du Verney, *ABA LAMP Member*

12:00–1:30 p.m. ET

Military Families with Special Needs: Educational and School Related Issues

This presentation will address common educational and school related issues that military families face and how the law can help them. Participants will learn about Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) eligibility, Individualized Education Program (IEP) development and implementation, along with litigating due process cases and appeals. The panel will also compare and contrast the requirements for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), IDEA, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and how to leverage the law and case law in the present and near future. This session will also focus on the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP), which was established by the military to assist military members who have a dependent with special needs.

- Grace E. Kim, *The Law Office of Grace E. Kim, P.C., Fairfax, VA*
- Vickie M. O'Brien, *Camp Lejeune, NC*
- Col (Ret.) Elizabeth L. Schuchs-Gopaul, *San Antonio, TX*

1:30–1:45 p.m. ET – Break

1:45–3:15 p.m. ET

Special Needs Planning for Military Families: Special Needs Trusts, Guardianship Issues, and Public Benefits

Focusing on military families, this session will address special needs planning. This panel will concentrate on the following topics: when to use a supplemental/special needs trust as part of the estate plan; creating tax-advantaged accounts under the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act; the legal and practical aspects with establishing guardianship of the person and estate, along with alternatives to guardianship; and government programs and benefits, including Social Security issues. Both military legal assistance attorneys and private practice lawyers will learn legal skills to help military families with special needs.

- Alison M. Packard, *The Packard Law Firm, San Antonio, TX*
- Maj Kay M. Perry, *Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX*

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CLE CREDIT: The ABA will seek 3 hours of CLE credit in 60-minute states, and 3.6 hours of CLE credit for this program in 50-minute states. Credit hours are estimated and are subject to each state's approval and credit rounding rules. Please visit the program website at https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_assistance_military_personnel/events_cle/ for program CLE details or visit www.americanbar.org/mcle for general information on CLE at the ABA.