Wednesday, March 27, 2019 – 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CT

6.0 Credit Hours of CLE has been requested

WHAT: This is an educational program for lawyers on current developments in the areas of military and veterans' law. The morning session will include a variety of military legal assistance issues: special needs topics that include educational and school related issues, special needs trusts, and guardianship; the military's Special Victims' Counsel (SVC) program that represents sexual assault victims, including children who have suffered sexual abuse; and pro se programs that help with divorce, name changes, and probate. The afternoon session will focus on a variety of consumer law and financial issues, along with recent legislative changes to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA).

See pages 2-3 for the detailed Program Schedule and CLE credit details.

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: Jackson Walker LLP – San Antonio Office
112 East Pecan Street, Suite 2400, San Antonio, TX 78205

WHEN: Wednesday, March 27, 2019. The one-day CLE program will commence with check-in beginning at 8:15 a.m.

HOW: Must register in advance online by visiting http://ambar.org/lampcle. Registration deadline is March 20, 2019.

COST: FREE

MATERIALS: Participants are encouraged to download CLE program materials, beginning March 25. Registrants will be emailed instructions for downloading materials.

LUNCH: Lunch buffet sponsored by USAA.
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8:15–8:45 a.m. Check-in

8:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Military Legal Assistance Issues: Special Needs Topics, Sexual Assault Victims, and Pro Se Programs (3.5 hours of CLE requested)

Moderator: Gregory Ulrich, Ulrich Law PLC, ABA LAMP Special Advisor

8:45–9:45 a.m. – Military Families with Special Needs: Educational and School Related Issues
The military established the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) to ease burdens of a move for military members who have a dependent—spouse, child, or dependent parent—with special needs. However, more could be done to address legal issues faced by these families. This presentation will address some of the common educational and school related issues that military families face and how the law can help them.
- Col (Ret.) Elizabeth L. Schuchs-Gopaul, San Antonio, TX
- Maj Carolyn Carmody, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, TX

9:45–10:30 a.m. – Special Needs Trusts and Guardianship
This session will focus on when (and when not) to use a supplemental/special needs trust as part of the estate plan, including how to create one as a JAG legal assistance attorney using DL Wills. This will also provide an overview of the legal and practical aspects of the guardianship process in Texas.
- Alison M. Packard, Law Office of Alison M. Packard, San Antonio, TX
- Kay M. Perry, JBSA-Lackland, TX

10:30–10:45 a.m. – Break

10:45–11:30 a.m. – Military’s Special Victims’ Counsel: Representing Sexual Assault Victims
The military has a groundbreaking program whereby eligible victims of sexual assault are provided an attorney, called a Special Victims’ Counsel (SVC), to provide legal representation throughout the military justice process. A unique aspect is that SVCs may enter into attorney-client relationships with eligible children who have suffered sexual abuse. The presenters will provide an overview of the SVC program and discuss some unique issues that SVCs face with child representation.
- Lt Col Thomas Finley, JBSA-Randolph, TX
- Maj Ashley Norman, JBSA-Lackland, TX
- Maj Carolyn Carmody, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, TX

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. – Military Pro Se Programs: Divorce, Name Change, and Probate
Joint Base San Antonio offers three pro se programs to eligible clients: divorce, name changes, and probate programs. The pro se programs offer a unique opportunity for legal professionals to support the Joint Base San Antonio community. Attendees outside of San Antonio will benefit from discussion of the benefits of pro se programs, advice on how to set up a program, and guidance on other resources to help pro se clients.
- Safiya Porter, JBSA-Lackland, TX
- Bradley Mitchell, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, TX
- James Bivens, Jr., Paralegal Specialist, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, TX
12:30–1:45 p.m.  Lunch Break

1:45–4:30 p.m.  Military Legal Assistance Issues: Consumer Law, Financial Issues, and the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (2.5 hours of CLE requested)

Moderator: Gregory Ulrich, Ulrich Law PLC, ABA LAMP Special Advisor

1:45–2:15 p.m. – Recent Legislative Changes to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act
The Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018 significantly expanded the legal protections afforded to servicemembers and their spouses under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA). This presentation will focus on changes to the SCRA that authorize the early termination of contracts in certain circumstances and provide a military spouse with the election to use his or her servicemember’s state of legal residence for purposes of state and local taxes and voting.

- LTC David Dulaney, Department of Defense Office of Legal Policy, VA

2:15–2:45 p.m. – Consumer Law Hot Topics from the Federal Trade Commission
This session will focus on the Federal Trade Commission’s proposed Military Credit Monitoring Rule, recent FTC enforcement on deceptive and unlawful financial practices, new protections for prepaid accounts, and current issues and financial scams affecting servicemembers, veterans, and their families.

- Carole Reynolds, Federal Trade Commission, Washington DC

2:45–3:00 p.m. – Break

3:00–4:30 p.m. – CFPB’s Office of Servicemember Affairs Update and Consumer Law Issues in the Military
Presenters will provide an update on the Office of Servicemember Affairs and a basic overview of key consumer protection statutes commonly encountered by military consumers. Substantive topics include automobile financing, credit reporting, debt collection, credit cards, electronic fund transfers, and student loans. Consumer protection statutes such as the Military Lending Act, Truth in Lending Act, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, Fair Credit Billing Act, and the Electronic Fund Transfers Act will be discussed.

- Angela Martin, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Washington DC
- Melissa Halsey, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Washington DC

Registration Deadline: March 20, 2019

CLE CREDIT: The ABA will seek 6.0 hours of CLE credit in 60-minute states, and 7.2 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/inperson-cle/ for program CLE details or visit www.americanbar.org/mcle for general information on CLE at the ABA.