For Those Who Served

Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program

2009 Annual Report
I STAND HERE NOW

I stand here now
Amongst ... brave men
With whom ... I’ve stood before
The last time ... when we landed
On June 6th of ’44
Back then ... we were all young men
Eighteen or little more
Their lives ... cut short ... that morning
On this distant ... windswept shore
I stand here now ... and wonder
What would they ... have become
Had they survived ... that morning
Their lives ... allowed full run
One thing ... I know ... for certain
Of which ... there is ... no doubt
These brave young men
My pals ... from then
Would be ... old
White haired ... with wrinkled brow
Just like me ...
As I stand here ... now.

by Tony Chapman
Dear Friends of the Consortium:

Greetings! As I assume the duties of the chairman of the Program’s Executive Board, I want to take a moment to introduce myself. I am currently a partner in the D.C. office of Holland & Knight, LLP, and my biography is available on the Program’s Web site (www.vetsprobono.org). Although this is my first direct involvement with veterans, I have significant prior experience with defense matters. As such, I have served as counsel to the House of Representatives Committee on Armed Services and as deputy undersecretary of Defense Research and Engineering (acquisition management). Those who serve and those who have served our country in uniform are ever-present in my thoughts. I look forward to working with the other members of the Program’s Executive Board, with their parent organizations, and with the dedicated men and women who conduct the day-to-day operations of the Pro Bono Program.

I do want to take a moment and express my sincere appreciation to my good friend, Jeff Stonerock, for two reasons. One, for contacting me and asking me to assume the responsibilities as chairman of the Executive Board. I am honored that he considered and recommended me. Second, I want to thank him for the excellent job he has done over the past four years leading the Program as it continued its transition to a more prominent role and as it has grown and become more helpful to veterans. He had a vision for the Program and its essential work for veterans that created the basis for continued future success.

I look forward to reporting to you at the end of 2010 about the continuing work of the Pro Bono Program.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Gilleece, Esq.
Chairman
The year 2009 marked the 65th anniversary of the landings in Normandy. As this country and its allies mark the invasion of Fortress Europe, the Pro Bono Program is pleased to dedicate this edition of the annual report to those heroes who went ashore that gray June morning to set a continent, and a world, free.

INTRODUCTION

Twenty years ago, the first “notice of appeal” was filed in the newly created U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals by an unrepresented veteran. This was, unfortunately, a sign of things to come, as during the early days of the Court the pro se filing rate was greater than 80 percent of cases filed. This was an intolerable situation for Chief Judge Frank Nebeker, and he sought congressional assistance to shift funds from the Court’s operating budget to establish a program to recruit and to represent veterans before the court.

Congress and the Court responded to the Chief Judge’s call, and in May 1992, the Legal Services Corporation, acting for the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals, issued solicitations for two proposals to develop a program that would provide pro bono representation to appellants before the Court: 1) for an umbrella program to evaluate cases and to recruit and train qualified lawyers who would volunteer their services to represent appellants before the Court, and 2) for expansion of existing programs to aid more veterans and other Department of Veterans Affairs claimants.

Four veterans service organizations—The American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the National Veterans Legal Services Project (now Program), and Paralyzed Veterans of America—came together to create the Veterans Consortium, which won the grant to operate the Pro Bono Program.

As the Court celebrated its 20th anniversary, the Pro Bono Program continued to assist America’s veterans in obtaining meaningful judicial review of adverse decisions of the Board of Veterans’ Appeals. This report highlights those successes of fiscal year 2009. We believe that over the course of the Program’s history we have met the challenge of providing effective representation and that we continue to meet that challenge every day. What follows is not just the report of our 17th year of operations, but also a testament to our nation’s continuing commitment to those men and women who have answered America’s call to service, and to those members of the legal profession who donate their time and talents on their behalf. We are proud of our history of accomplishments and are pleased to honor in this report those who have so generously given their time and energy to the program and the nation’s veterans.

1. The authorizing legislation for the Pro Bono Program is Pub.L. No. 102-229, 105 Stat. 1710 (1991). Pub.L. No. 102-229 states in relevant part: “... for the purpose of providing financial assistance (through grant or contract...) to facilitate the furnishing of legal or other assistance, without charge, to veterans and other persons who are unable to afford the cost of legal representation in connection with decisions to which section 7252(a) of title 38, United States Code, may apply, or with other proceedings in the Court, through a Program that furnishes case screening and referral, training and education for attorney and related personnel, and encouragement and facilitation of pro bono representation by members of the bar and law school clinical and other appropriate Programs, such as veterans service organizations, and through defraying expenses incurred in providing representation to such persons...”
EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Veterans Consortium Executive Board consists of five voting members and is responsible for establishing and monitoring the activities of the Pro Bono Program’s operational components. The four veterans service organizations that comprise the consortium each have a voting representative on the Board, and the fifth voting member (and the current chairman of the board) is a representative of the private bar. The Executive Board oversees the Program’s component directors, who are responsible for implementing established policies, complying with the terms of the Program’s federal grant, and efficiently operating their respective components within a budget approved by the Executive Board and by the Legal Services Corporation. (In late 2009 Board membership was increased to six voting members.)

The Executive Board met eight times during 2009, rotating between the offices of the Consortium’s constituent organizations. All personnel and other expenses connected with activities of the Executive Board were donated by the organizations with which the board members are affiliated.

OUTREACH COMPONENT

The Outreach Component is responsible for publicizing the Pro Bono Program and for recruiting volunteer lawyers to represent appellants before the Court. In 2009, 146 lawyers were recruited into the Program. Recruitment in 2010 is expected to increase; the number will depend on the needs of the Case Evaluation and Placement Component.

Most of the lawyers recruited by the Program practice in the greater Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. However, in 2009 the Pro Bono Program continued an initiative begun years ago to actively recruit lawyers outside the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. Lawyers actually representing veterans through the Program came from 44 jurisdictions in 2009:

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BY THE NUMBERS

In 17 years, the Pro Bono Program has contacted more than 22,000 veterans who have filed a pro se appeal at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Over 9,200 of those contacted sought assistance, and more than 3,300 have been assigned a Program attorney to assist them with their appeal, including 265 in 2009.

The program fully evaluated 849 cases in 2009, and 31% of the evaluated cases were found to have one or more legal issues warranting placement with a lawyer through the Program.

In 2009, volunteer attorneys contributed legal services of a value of $5,250,007, bringing the 17-year total of donated legal services to more than $45 million, which is probably a conservative computation. Add to that the donated services of Consortium members, which totaled $338,526 in the past year and almost $5 million over the history of the Program, the Pro Bono Program has generated approximately $50 million of services for the men and women who have served their country.

This year’s annual report is honored to include photos of Pro Bono Program employees and their relatives who have served, and are serving, in the armed forces of the United States. The names of these veterans and service members are listed on page 24.
BY THE NUMBERS

The Court’s workload continued to grow in 2009 as 4,725 appeals were filed during the fiscal year. Of those cases 68% were filed by veterans who were acting pro se at the time. This was the highest percentage since 2000. As to representation at the time of the Court’s decision, the percentage of unrepresented appellants rose from 24% to 28%, a disappointing number but in keeping with past years.

As throughout the history of the Program, every appellant meeting Program eligibility requirements (and some who did not) received some form of legal assistance or advice at no cost. In 2009, almost 600 veterans who were not provided with an attorney still received some form of legal advice and counsel. This year saw the Program pass the 6,000 mark in situations where a veteran was not assigned a Program attorney but still received some form of assistance related to his or her claim and appeal.

EDUCATION COMPONENT

The Education Component trains volunteer lawyers and provides educational materials and mentoring lawyers for each volunteer who accepts a referral from the Program. This training is essential in helping a pro bono lawyer gain sufficient expertise to effectively represent an appellant before the Court.

Since the Program began in 1992, more than 3,300 lawyers and paralegal representatives have attended the Program’s training classes. In 2009 the Program held six eight-hour training seminars for new recruits. Two seminars were held in Washington, D.C., hosted by the DC Bar Pro Bono Program; a seminar in Portland, Oregon, was hosted by Perkins Coie LLP; a seminar in Salt Lake City, Utah, was hosted by Howrey LLP; and a seminar in Phoenix, Arizona, was hosted by Steptoe & Johnson LLP. In addition, a seminar in Washington, D.C., trained outgoing law clerks of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Volunteer lawyers continue to receive instructional assistance after they accept a case referral from the Program. Each volunteer is provided with the current year’s edition of The Veterans Benefits Manual. This is a compendium of veterans law issues and includes a copy of current federal veterans law statutes, rules, and regulations. This material is provided in both paperback and CD-ROM format and includes an online veterans law research capability through the publisher (LexisNexis). The Program also provides subscriptions to a veterans law journal.

The Consortium also assigns a mentor to each volunteer lawyer. When advice or assistance is sought by pro bono counsel, mentoring services are provided on a part-time basis. In 2009, the NVLSP provided eight mentors, Paralyzed Veterans of America provided three, and the law firm of Chisholm, Chisholm and Kirkpatrick provided one. Beyond mentoring, the Consortium, when requested, also provided moot court practice sessions for lawyers with oral arguments scheduled before the Court, and for lawyers who voluntarily pursued an appeal in a Program case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Under Program guidelines, mentors may also provide assistance to volunteer lawyers who continue to represent appellants after their cases have been remanded by the Court to the Board of Veterans’ Appeals.
CASE EVALUATION AND PLACEMENT COMPONENT
The Case Evaluation and Placement Component is the full-time office of the Pro Bono Program. As its name implies, this component receives requests for assistance from unrepresented appellants, confirms each appellant’s financial eligibility for Program services, and evaluates each appellant’s case for merit and possible referral to a lawyer participating in the Pro Bono Program. If one or more issues warranting placement can be identified in the evaluation process, that appellant is matched with a lawyer. This process takes into account such factors as the issue(s) involved in the appeal, the complexity of the case, the experience of the lawyer, potential language issues, and, when possible, the geographic locations of the appellant and the lawyer.

In 2009 there were some 265 cases that met Program eligibility requirements and were placed with a volunteer or Direct Representation Component (DRC) lawyer at no cost to the appellant or were identified as substantially likely to be remanded by the Court under the provisions of the Veterans Claims Assistance Act of 2000. These cases brought the 17-year total for the Program to more than 3,300 placed cases.

In addition to conducting the initial eligibility screening, a veterans law specialist prepares a comprehensive case-evaluation memorandum that serves as a guide for placement and a suggested road map for the litigation of the case by the volunteer or direct representation component lawyer. The Case Evaluation and Placement Component also monitors the progress of every evaluated case, whether it is placed with a Program lawyer or not, as a quality control measure. The Case Evaluation and Placement Component is also responsible for the maintaining the Program’s Web site, www.vetsprobono.org.

DIRECT REPRESENTATION COMPONENT
Through 1998 the Pro Bono Program operated under two separate grants of funds from the Legal Services Corporation. The principal grant (the “A” grant) provided for the costs of the three operational components described above; the other (the “B” grant) involved the provision of funds directly to one or more organizations that committed themselves to provide counsel for a specified number of cases placed by the Program.

Beginning in 1999, the “A” and “B” grants were merged into a single grant, and the function formerly performed by the “B” grant was renamed the Direct Representation Component (DRC). The director of Case Evaluation and Placement administers cases assigned to the DRC.

The DRC has given the Program the flexibility necessary to provide adequate and timely representation in unique or complicated cases or in cases that require immediate intervention by a lawyer to adequately protect an appellant’s interests. In 2004 the DRC grant was awarded to Paralyzed Veterans of America. Under the terms of the grant, Paralyzed Veterans of America agreed to accept up to 24 cases from the Program and did, in fact, accept 20 cases in 2009.

BY THE NUMBERS
The Program trained 188 lawyers in 2009, bringing the 17-year total to more than 3,000 volunteer attorneys who stepped forward for this nation’s veterans. In the year past, this was done at the cost of $1,209.57 per attorney. Additionally, another 148 attorneys had been recruited at the cost of $230.39 per lawyer.

During 2009, law firms provided 63% of the attorneys (272) dealing with active cases, and 164 private practitioners also stepped forward. Of these attorneys and their predecessors, more than 95% have volunteered to take a second case.
2009 HISTORY

It has been more than 17 years since the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program began providing legal services to our nation’s veterans. Since then, the Program’s goal has remained constant: to provide assistance to those veterans and their family members in obtaining meaningful judicial review of their claims for veterans benefits. During the 19 years the Program has served this country’s veterans, it has been a distinct honor for all involved to work with the Court, the Legal Services Corporation, the many veterans service organizations, and an outstanding Program staff of attorneys and paralegals in dealing with the ever-increasing needs of those veterans and spouses seeking the benefits they have earned through their dedicated service to their country.

In 2009 the Program was again faced with an increased volume of requests for the assistance of counsel. During the year the Program was able to evaluate almost 850 cases and assign more than 265 to counsel, while training 188 lawyers. Additionally, Program personnel continued to provide general advice related to the Court and VA procedures in many of the cases in which we could not assign an attorney. Reflective of the ever-changing world in which it functions, the Program responded to an ever-increasing number of e-mail requests for information and assistance, and answered correspondence from all over the world. We took great pride in responding to each and every individual inquiry, providing helpful suggestions as appropriate. Indeed, it was a rare occasion when the Program was not able to provide some degree of assistance to a veteran or family member seeking guidance or help.

A major initiative in 2009 was the Executive Board’s decision to become a totally free-standing organization. The Board decided to seek the services of an executive director, who would be responsible to the Board for the day-to-day operations of the Program, thereby freeing up the component directors to focus more fully on their primary responsibilities of recruitment, training, and case evaluation and placement. Additionally, the program staff, currently employed by some of the Program’s supporting national veterans service organizations, would become employees of the Veterans Consortium. The Board also welcomed new members from the private sector, as well as a new treasurer. Their biographies are highlighted in this report on pages 7–9, as well on the Program’s Web site (www.vetsprobono.org).

As always, the continuing support of the private bar, ranging from large firms to private practitioners, was magnificent, as reflected in an unlimited wave of volunteers, and those who have taken a Program case continue to seek to take a second or third case. Without that support and dedication, the Program could not accomplish its mission.

During 2009 the Program continued to recruit new attorneys from the District of Columbia and across the country. To this end, the Program conducted training sessions for attorneys in Washington, D.C., on two occasions, and conducted its first “West Coast swing,” with training classes during October in Seattle, Salt Lake City, and Phoenix. Training was also conducted for staff personnel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and a member of the Case Evaluation and Placement Component addressed Midwestern veterans service officers. Beyond training, the Program’s mentors, consisting of experienced lawyers from the Consortium’s supporting organizations, continued to provide vital assistance to volunteer lawyers accepting their first case from the Program.

Finally, the year marked the retirement of Jeffrey Stonerock, Esq., as chairman, turning the “reins” of the chairmanship to Mary Ann Gilleece, a partner at the D.C. offices of Holland and Knight, in December.
VOTING MEMBERS

Incoming Chairman

Mary Ann Gilleece, Esq., assumed the position of chairman of the Executive Board in December 2009. Ms. Gilleece is a partner in the firm of Holland & Knight LLP in the Washington, D.C., office. She is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and Suffolk University Law School. She received her LLM in government procurement law from the George Washington University.

Ms. Gilleece serves as counsel to a wide spectrum of domestic and foreign corporations on a broad range of issues related to legislative, government contract, and business matters. Her clients include manufacturers of military systems and component parts, and providers of technical services.

Ms. Gilleece’s legal career began with her appointment as an assistant attorney general for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, followed by a period in private practice as a trial lawyer. She then served as counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Armed Services before moving to the Department of Defense in the position of Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (Acquisition Management). In that position she was involved in all aspects of federal procurement and manufacturing. Ms. Gilleece has been in private practice since 1985 and has been a partner at Holland & Knight LLP since 2005.

Besides serving as chairman of the Veterans Consortium, Ms. Gilleece has served in leadership positions for the American Defense Preparedness Association, the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the Suffolk University Alumni Association, and the USO of Metropolitan Washington. She is on the board of directors of the University of Connecticut Foundation and serves on the Dean’s Advisory Committee, Suffolk University Law School.

Outgoing Chairman

Jeffrey A. Stonerock, Esq., stepped down as chairman of the Executive Board in December. Mr. Stonerock, formerly a partner in the law firm of Baker Botts LLP in Washington, D.C., retired shortly thereafter. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy (1979), Duke Law School (1984), and received his LLM from the Judge Advocate General’s School of the Army (1989). Beginning his Army career with the Field Artillery, Mr. Stonerock became a member of the Judge Advocate General’s Corps, with tours with the 82nd Airborne Division and the Second Infantry Division in the Republic of Korea. He retired from the Army Reserve in 2001 as a lieutenant colonel.

A disabled veteran himself, Mr. Stonerock chaired Baker Botts’ pro bono committee in the firm’s Washington, D.C., offices and became involved with the Program as a volunteer attorney in 2000, handling several Program cases himself. His firm has many other lawyers who participate in this program. A well-respected international law attorney, he headed his firm’s Korea practice group prior to retirement.
Mr. Butter is a 1982 graduate of the United States Naval Academy (B.S.E.E. with merit) and earned his JD in 1990 from the New York University School of Law.

Mr. Butter’s practice focuses on high-tech patent preparation, prosecution, and litigation. He also counsels high-tech companies and individual inventors on a wide range of issues in the field, including intellectual property protection, procurement, licensing, risk analysis, and dispute resolution. His expertise focuses on legal matters related to software, telecommunications, and mechanical technologies. He is also an assistant adjunct professor at the Brooklyn Law School.

Recently retired as a captain in the United States Naval Reserve, he served for three years onboard the USS Billfish (SSN 676), a nuclear-powered attack submarine. This service, along with the 18 months of technical training he received prior to reporting to the Billfish, provided special insight into a variety of engineering disciplines.

William Mailander, Esq., assumed duties as general counsel of Paralyzed Veterans of America in 2005. He has been with Paralyzed Veterans since 1992, when he was first hired to represent claimants before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in cases assigned to Paralyzed Veterans under the Direct Representation Component.

Mr. Mailander served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1976 to 1979. He received meritorious promotions through the rank of corporal and was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal. After his service he received a BA from New York University in 1984 and JD from Temple University School of Law in 1988. He also received an MBA from Johns Hopkins University in 2001. Following graduation from law school and before coming to Paralyzed Veterans, Mr. Mailander held positions with the Board of Veterans’ Appeals, the Coast Guard Chief Counsel’s Office, and the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of the General Counsel.

Mr. Gaytan began serving as director of The American Legion’s National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division in September 2004 and assumed Executive Board responsibilities at that time. Prior to serving as director, he served as principal deputy director of Veterans’ Affairs and Rehabilitation and deputy director of the Legislative Division.

Mr. Gaytan attended Wesley College in Dover, Delaware, where he earned a BA in political science. He is also a graduate of the Defense Information School, Fort Meade, Maryland, and earned a degree in public affairs from the Community College of the Air Force.

In 1991 he entered the U.S. Air Force. Following training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and Keesler AFB, Mississippi, he served as military protocol liaison with the 436th Airlift Wing at Dover AFB, Delaware, where he worked with military, diplomatic, and congressional leaders. He coordinated all protocol requirements for NATO visits, repatriation ceremonies for the U.S. Army Rangers killed in Somalia, and the memorial ceremony for Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and the passengers of the T-43A that crashed in Bosnia in 1996. While on active duty, he also served as Honor Guard Training Flight NCOIC, where he provided final honors for more than 200 military funerals. He also served six years with the 512th Airlift Wing, U.S. Air Force Reserve as a public affairs specialist.
Barry A. Searle has served as the director of the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, American Legion since June 2009. In this position Mr. Searle is responsible for guiding and overseeing all American Legion activities impacting the entitlement programs for veterans and their families.

A retired Active Duty and Reserve Component veteran with more than 37 years’ service, his most recent posting was in 2007–2008, as Commander Regional Coalition Assistance Command East, Gardez, Afghanistan, for which he was awarded the Bronze Star. Prior to that deployment, he was the team chief for Medical Evacuation to CONUS Hospitals (MECH) Operations, Andrews Air Force Base. During those two, he and his team assisted more than 10,000 returning wounded and injured warriors and their families to negotiate the complex evacuation system. Mr. Searle’s other awards include Combat Infantryman’s Badge, The Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Afghan Campaign Medal, and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Bosnia).

Mr. Searle holds a master’s in strategic studies from the US Army War College, and a bachelor’s of arts in communications from the University of Scranton, Scranton, Pennsylvania. He is a member of American Legion Post # 524 Forest City, Pennsylvania, and a resident of Crofton, Maryland.

Roy E. Spicer, a native of Clarksville, Tennessee, heads the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) National Appeals Office in Washington, D.C., where he supervises 14 National Appeals Officers and staff who represent appellants before the Board of Veterans Appeals. During his professional career, Mr. Spicer has served in positions with DAV in Louisville, Kentucky; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Roanoke, Virginia; St. Petersburg, Florida; and Washington. From December 1994 to August 1997 he served as executive assistant to the secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs before returning to DAV and the National Appeals Office.

A Vietnam veteran, Mr. Spicer joined the Army in 1968 and saw combat as a recon team leader until serious combat wounds led to a disability retirement. He is the recipient of the Combat Infantryman Badge, two Purple Hearts, the Bronze Star with V device, the Army Commendation Medal with V device, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star, and other personal and unit awards.

Mr. Spicer is admitted to the Bar of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims as a non-attorney practitioner. His accomplishments have been recognized by DAV at the chapter, department, and national levels, and he has received honors from local, state, and federal governments.

Mr. Spicer is also the author of The Veterans Advocate, author of the Basic Training Course in Veterans Benefits, and coauthor of the 2009 edition of The Veterans Benefits Manual.
INVITED GUESTS

Legal Services Corporation

Dr. Bristow Hardin is a program analyst with the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) and is its administrator for the Pro Bono Program’s grant funds. Prior to joining the LSC, he was director of the Union Institute’s Center for Public Policy, project coordinator at the National Legal Aid and Defender Association, and policy analyst and advocate at the Food Research and Action Center and the Virginia Poverty Law Center Food Law Project. He also was a lecturer and adjunct professor at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and American University, Washington, D.C. As a private consultant, he provides legal services organizations and other groups with assistance in the areas of evaluation, strategic research, and policy analysis. He received an MA and a PhD in political and economic sociology from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

Cary P. Sklar, Esq., has served as counsel to the Clerk of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims since June 2005. In that capacity, Mr. Sklar acts as a court liaison to the Pro Bono Program. He also handles a wide range of legal matters arising from court administration, including judicial ethics questions; drafting of court rules, orders, and opinions; attorney discipline; personnel matters; and public office operations.

Prior to joining the Court, Mr. Sklar served as senior advisor to the special counsel at the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC), where he provided advice on administrative and policy matters, including agency program initiatives, personnel, budget, procurement, and intergovernmental relations. He later served as associate special counsel for investigation and prosecution, supervising a team of investigators and attorneys in resolving federal employee complaints of whistle-blower retaliation and violations of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. He also established and directed the OSC’s Mediation Program and served as director of OSC’s EEO Program.

Mr. Sklar, a graduate of Cornell University, earned his JD from Georgetown University. His past public service includes teaching for many years as an adjunct instructor for alternative dispute resolution, labor relations, and business law at Bowie State University and serving as a pro bono mediator in D.C. Superior Court.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Evelyn J. Anderson is chief financial officer for the National Veterans Legal Services Program, having held the position since January 1998. From 1989 to 1997, Ms. Anderson served as the director of finance for the Agent Orange Class Assistance Program, a class action court settlement administered by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. In this capacity, she managed the distribution of the settlement proceeds in the form of grants made to community-based organizations and higher learning institutions nationwide. Prior to relocating to the Washington, D.C., area, Ms. Anderson served as financial manager to various nonprofit organizations in New York City. Evelyn ended her duties as CFO with the Program in December of 2009.
Hugh P. Quinn assumed the duties of chief financial officer on December 1, 2009. Mr. Quinn is the principal at Quinn Forensics in Washington, D.C., and brings more than 25 years of business management, litigation consulting, and accounting experience to this position. Mr. Quinn has assisted corporate officers; boards of directors, including special and audit committees; and counsel in a wide range of matters, including government contractors, international accounting issues, and insurance investigations.

Mr. Quinn earned his BA from the University of Notre Dame, MBA from the University of Denver, and JD from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Meg Bartley, Esq., is the director of Outreach and Education for the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program. A senior staff attorney at the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP), Ms. Bartley is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University (BA 1981, cum laude) and the Washington College of Law at American University (JD 1993, cum laude).

Ms. Bartley trains lawyers and non-lawyers in the area of veterans law. She is editor of the quarterly NVLSP publication The Veterans Advocate: A Veterans Law and Advocacy Journal, and she represents veterans and their dependents before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. She previously served as judicial clerk for the Honorable Jonathan R. Steinberg of the United States Court of Veterans Appeals (now the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims) from 1993–1994. She is the author or a coauthor of numerous monographs and publications on veterans law.

Brian D. Robertson, Esq., director, Case Evaluation and Placement Component, is an attorney with the Paralyzed Veterans of America. He became the director of the Component in October 1994, after a brief period as its deputy director. He was a career Naval officer, retiring after 23 years of service, including more than 18 years as a Navy judge advocate.

Mr. Robertson is a 1971 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and a 1976 graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law. He also has an MA from the University of Southern California. He is past chair of the Veterans Law Section of the Federal Bar Association and served in a number of leadership positions with the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Bar Association.

FOREVER YOUNG
Forever young.....some here will stay
Those men...who die..this day
In one hundred years
In one thousand years
Still as young......as they are..today.
“It’s sad that everything I had argued was not heard. The remand came to the same conclusions that I had argued for six years. They listened to a lawyer when this matter could have been resolved years ago. This is a sad problem with the VA.

Thank you for your valuable services. It has gotten us closer to a favorable answer than we could have reached alone.”

Mother of Cold War–era veteran
Illinois

“I am disabled and live on Social Security and a small pension. There is simply no way I could have hired an attorney, even if I could have located one who had the credentials. [My attorney] also came to my home for sessions because I was unable to go to his office. I appreciated [my attorney] and his willingness to go out of his way very much.

I learned about your program through the American Legion. Without the American Legion and my attorney, I would not have any hope. While I still have not received any benefits, I do have hope that I will. Thank you for your assistance.”

Widow of U.S. Navy veteran
Ohio

“I thank you for all that you have done for me. You are doing a super service for vets.”

Cold War veteran
Nevada
“I feel that the program was the greatest. I am very grateful you helped me so much. I want to thank you for all you did for me. May God bless every single one of you.”

Cold War veteran
California

“Representing [my client] with the assistance of the Consortium was a very rewarding experience—both personally and professionally. I would be more than happy to assist another veteran before the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in a few months.”

Attorney for Vietnam-era veteran
Massachusetts
PRIVATE BAR RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

David B. Isbell, Esq.
Covington & Burling
(former Chairman of the Executive Board)

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ANY MOMENT NOW

ANY MOMENT NOW
The noise.....it will begin
As bombarding ships and rocket ships
Send their salvos whistling in

ANY MOMENT NOW
These landing craft will move
Making for the beaches
Defenders.....to remove

ANY MOMENT NOW
There will be many a silent prayer
As these craft attain the beaches
So close now.....see them there

ANY MOMENT NOW
Men and craft they will be hit
It is then.....we’ll be required
To show we have true grit

ANY MOMENT NOW
I will be watching comrades fall
Be ready Lord.....above the noise
Listen.....for my call
I do not know.....if I will cope

Please.....stand by me....show me how
I’m going to need you.....more than ever

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TABLE A: CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES (AUDITED)

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a. See Pub. L. No. 110-329, 122 Stat. 3574, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009, at 3714, which provides in relevant part: "United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims — Salaries and Expenses: For necessary expenses for the operation of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims as authorized by sections 7251 through 7298 of title 38, United States Code, $30,975,000, of which $1,700,000 shall be available for the purpose of providing financial assistance as described, and in accordance with the process and reporting procedures set forth, under this heading in Public Law 102-229."

b. This amount does not include any monies that were donated to the Pro Bono Program by law firms, veterans, or from other sources. These donated funds are detailed in a separate schedule (Table E) and are not commingled with grant funds received from the Legal Services Corporation.

TABLE B: CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF DONATED FUNDS & SERVICES (UNAUDITED)

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a. This figure does not include the value of certain contributions made by the supporting organizations, by the Legal Services Corporation, or by the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. In addition to the estimated contributions reflected in footnote a, all of these entities devoted substantial time to Executive Board activities throughout the year.
In addition to grant funds, all of the participating organizations in the Consortium donated services and/or goods to the Program. These donated goods and services are detailed in separate tables.

All Executive Board member personnel costs and other costs associated with activities of the Executive Board were donated. The Executive Board met eight times during the grant year (and several Executive Board members also attended additional meetings to prepare and review financial statements and annual budget submissions). The average Executive Board meeting was two hours in length.

### TABLE C: STATEMENT OF GRANT INCOME & EXPENSES (AUDITED)

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<th>Revenue</th>
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<td>Case Evaluation and Placement Component</td>
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| General and Administrative                     |   |
| Executive Board                              | $0.00  |
| Case Evaluation and Placement Component       | $224,819.00  |
| Outreach Component                            | $3,611.00    |
| Education Component                           | $16,870.00   |
| Direct Representation Component               | $0.00       |
| **Total General and Administrative Expenses** | $245,300.00 |

| **Total 2009 Grant Expenses**                 | $1,467,406.00 |
| **Excess of Total Grant Funds over Expenses** | $481,300.00   |
| Letter of Credit (CD) – Lease Agreement        | $(83,732.00)  |
| **Available Grant Funds as of 12/31/09**       | $397,568.00   |

a. In addition to grant funds, all of the participating organizations in the Consortium donated services and/or goods to the Program. These donated goods and services are detailed in separate tables.

b. All Executive Board member personnel costs and other costs associated with activities of the Executive Board were donated. The Executive Board met eight times during the grant year (and several Executive Board members also attended additional meetings to prepare and review financial statements and annual budget submissions). The average Executive Board meeting was two hours in length.
### TABLE D: CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROGRAM (UNAUDITED)

#### Organizational Contributions

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Total Value of Nonorganizational Contributions: $5,286,982.00

Total Donated Funds and Services: $5,627,708.00
a. Value of donated time of service organization representative performing and hosting Executive Board functions.

b. Includes the value of mentoring time and the cost of hosted Executive Board meetings.

c. Includes expenses related to continuing legal education training seminars, bar membership dues, and educational services provided to the Case Evaluation and Placement Component.

d. Does not include time spent in Executive Board activities by Legal Services Corporation or Court personnel, nor expenses related to Court personnel traveling to and assisting in Program training events.

e. This figure was calculated by multiplying the number of cases placed with pro bono lawyers by the average number of hours for a pro bono lawyer to complete a case, as reported by pro bono lawyers completing cases in 2009, and multiplying that product by the 2009 Laffey matrix hourly rate for a private lawyer with 4–7 years’ experience ($349/hour).

f. Value determined by using hours donated times the Equal Access to Justice Act billing rate of $153 for mentoring services.

g. Value determined by using hours times an average of billing rates of attorneys contributing time to screening cases for assignment to Program counsel. Final determinations relating to assignment of counsel were made by the director of the Case Evaluation and Placement Component.

h. Training classes are conducted by the Education Component twice a year in Washington, D.C., through the auspices of the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program. Incidental costs related to training (such as mailings, printing of announcements, the fair market value of classroom space, food and beverages, and personnel costs) are all donated by the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program to the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program.

i. The Program conducted training classes for lawyers at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in July 2009 and other classes on the West Coast and in the Southwest in October 2009. The figure reflects estimates of the costs to the sponsoring law firms associated with those training classes (and similar to the costs borne by the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program in supporting training classes in Washington, D.C., in 2009).
Each of the constituent veterans service organizations, as well as the representative of the private bar chairing the Executive Board, makes various contributions to the Program during the course of the year. The Program has also received in-kind contributions from the District of Columbia Bar Pro Bono Program. Those contributions are set forth in the Program’s financial statement for 2009. Several private law firms have contributed portions of fees received under the Equal Access to Justice Act in pro bono cases handled by those firms through the Program. The principal private cash donations received by the Program through December 31, 2009, include:

### TABLE E: 2009 PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS & EXPENSES

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a. A volunteer lawyer employed by Hunton & Williams accepted a Program referral, and he continued his representation after moving to the law firm of Dickstein & Shapiro. A donation was received by the Program from both firms in connection with this representation.

### TABLE F: 2009 SUMMARY OF PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS (AUDITED)

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