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### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**Joseph F. Rice School of Law, University of South Carolina** Columbia, SC  
Assistant Professor of Law, August 2023-present  
Director, Veterans Legal Clinic, August 2023-present  
Courses: Administrative Law; Veterans Legal Clinic; Public Benefits Seminar

**Yale Law School** New Haven, CT  
Robert M. Cover Clinical Teaching Fellow, July 2021–June 2023  
Clinical Lecturer in Law, July 2021–June 2023  
Associate Research Scholar in Law, July 2021–June 2023  
Courses: Veterans Legal Services Clinic; Introduction to Legal Analysis and Writing

### **PUBLICATIONS**

*Presuming Enough? Keeping the PACT Act's Promise*, 110 IOWA L. REV. \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming 2025) (assessing a new statutory presumption creation mechanism as a structural solution for military toxic exposures, and proposing rulemaking fixes that would allow the mechanism to match its potential.)

*Early Reflections on a New Cause of Action for Camp Lejeune Veterans*, 14:2 WAKE FOREST J. L. & POL'Y 157 (2024) (invited symposium) (describing the first district court cause of action for in-service injuries and the ongoing mass toxic tort litigation, and setting an agenda for future analysis of its success.)

### **EDUCATION**

**Yale Law School**, J.D., May 2019 New Haven, CT  
Charles G. Albom Prize for Appellate Advocacy, 2018–2019  
*Yale Journal of Law and Feminism*, Coeditor-in-Chief, 2017–2018

**Harvard College**, A.B., *magna cum laude*, May 2014 Cambridge, MA  
Highest Honors, Comparative Study of Religion | Citation in Arabic | Detur Book Prize

### **PRESENTATIONS**

“Presuming Enough? Keeping the PACT Act's Promise” presented at the Georgia State College of Law Junior Faculty Exchange, March 4, 2024.

“The Camp Lejeune Justice Act” presented at the Wake Forest Journal of Law & Policy's 2023 Symposium, "An Exploration of Current Issues Impacting Veterans and the Military," November 10, 2023 (with Renée Burbank).

## **SERVICE**

Inclusive Excellence Committee, Joseph F. Rice School of Law (2023-2024)  
Veterans in Law Faculty Advisor, Joseph F. Rice School of Law  
Amicus & Policy Advocacy Committees, National Law School Veterans Clinic Consortium

## **SELECT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Veterans Legal Services Clinic**, Yale Law School New Haven, CT  
*Fellow* (July 2021-June 2023), *Law Student Intern* (Jan. 2017-June 2019)

Co-taught the Veterans Legal Services Clinic, which represents veterans in benefits and discharge upgrade appeals and advocacy organizations in a broad range of policy and litigation matters, after time as a clinical student. Representative matters included *Skaar v. McDonough*, the first-ever certified Veterans Court appellate class action; APA litigation to challenge the Army's refusal to recognize substance use disorder as a mental health condition for records correction purposes; FOIA litigation to uncover disparities in agency adjudications; disability compensation claims for veterans with toxic exposure, sexual assault histories, PTSD; Constitutional litigation challenging the Coast Guard Academy's ban on student parents; and federal and state lobbying on toxic exposure, military sexual trauma, and mental health issues.

**New York Legal Assistance Group**, Sept. 2019–June 2021 New York, NY  
*Justice Catalyst Fellow*, *Veterans Practice & Special Litigation Unit*

Built out the Veterans Practice's appellate docket by developing appealable issues at the agency level. Handled veterans and other public benefits, discharge upgrade, and debt collection defense docket for diverse set of individual clients, seeking strategic litigation opportunities. Worked on class action litigation teams. Pivoted to COVID-19 response and advocacy for nationwide VA deadline extensions and debt collections moratorium. Collaborated with local, national veterans' advocates on policy initiatives.

**Greater Boston Legal Services**, Summer 2018 Boston, MA

Advocated for clients at unemployment benefits hearings. Prepared T & U Visa petitions. Worked wage theft cases in collaboration with local and federal wage enforcement prosecutors. Created "Know Your Rights" trainings for women workers. Conducted intakes, including in Spanish, in community legal clinics.

**National Employment Law Project**, Summer 2017 New York, NY

Conducted research on local authority to enact living wage ordinances, as well as on forced arbitration and class action waivers. Created reference guides interpreting state and federal employee and independent contractor definitions.

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

New York, South Carolina (SCACR 414 limited)  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Accredited Attorney  
U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims  
U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut  
U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Federal Circuit