

## US Military & Veterans Network

### Mission Statement and Goals

The US Military & Veterans Network brings together lawyers and staff to engage in community service and pro bono projects, promote an awareness of US military / service culture and veterans issues within the firm, and strengthen relationships with clients who are US military veterans and supporters.

### Leadership



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### About Us

The network is specifically designed for:

- Prior or current members of the US military
- Those who worked in a civilian role affiliated with or supporting the US military
- Members of a military family (including spouses and significant others)
- Those with an interest in military and veterans issues



### Pro Bono Commitment to Veterans and Service Members

Our firm maintains a robust pro bono practice through which we support and advocate on behalf of active-duty US service members and veterans of the armed forces. Through a longstanding partnership with the National Veterans Legal Service Program, more than 350 Latham lawyers across 15 offices have taken on over 240 matters on behalf of veterans and active-duty service members in the past five years - helping ensure that those who have served their country receive the benefits they deserve. We have also been instrumental in helping non-citizen veterans of the military as they become eligible to naturalize as US citizens, and our lawyers are working to combat the federal government's policy banning transgender individuals from serving in the military. Our pro bono work takes many forms, but all of it recognizes and honors the sacrifices of those who serve, or have served, in the armed forces.