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Veterans Courts in Pennsylvania *Ensuring Success for the Veteran*

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Widener University Commonwealth Law School
Room A180 Administration Building, Harrisburg
Friday, September 28, 2018 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome

Dean Christian A. Johnson, Widener University Commonwealth Law School

Welcoming Remarks – **The Honorable Michael J. Stack, III**,
Lieutenant Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Remarks – **Angela Lowry** – Problem Solving Courts Coordinator, Administrative
Offices of Pennsylvania Courts

Remarks - **Major General Anthony J. Carrelli**, Adjutant General of Pennsylvania

9:30 – 10:30 Panel – The Role of Veteran Court Alumni Groups and Mentors in Veterans Courts

Introduction of Panel – Dean Christian A. Johnson

Moderator – **The Honorable Craig T. Trebilcock**, Judge,
York County Court of Common Pleas

- **Veterans Court Judge – Judge Dugan**
- **The Role of Veteran Court Alumni Groups – Sarah Primak, LCSW, Lebanon VA Medical Center**
- **Role of Mentors - Mentors**
- **Role of Veterans -- Keith Brown**

10:30 – 11:30 Panel – Veterans in the Courts: Alternative Solutions

Introduction of Panel – Dean Christian A. Johnson

Moderators -- **Angela Lowry** – Problem Solving Courts Coordinator,
Administrative Offices of Pennsylvania Courts and **Andrew M. Simpson**, Judicial
Programs Analyst, Veterans Courts, Administrative Offices of Pennsylvania Courts

- **Judge Joseph Sklarosky, Jr., Luzerne County**
- **Kelly Cesari, Treatment Court Coordinator, Luzerne County**

11:30 – 1:00 Lunch with Keynote Speakers – The Call to Action for Veterans Courts

Introduction – Christian A. Johnson

Melissa Fitzgerald – Director, Advancing Justice Initiative, National Association
of Drug Court Professionals, actor in The West Wing television series and other
productions, co-founder of Voices in Harmony

Justice James Fitzgerald - Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and
Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice

Timothy J. Wynn, Certified Peer Specialist, Philadelphia Veterans Treatment Court,
former Sargent, United States Marine Corps

1:00 Thank You and Adjourn – Dean Christian A. Johnson