



# The Orange County Bar Association Military and Veterans Issues Task Force Presents

**2.0 CLE  
Credits**

## WANT TO HELP A VET? **DISCHARGE UPGRADES** MILITARY CULTURAL COMPETENCY

**Tuesday, October 20, 2015**

Registration/Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Program: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Orange County Bar Association**

4101 Westerly Place, Newport Beach, CA 92660

*Free Parking*

### *Topic:*

### *Speakers:*

**Antoinette Balta, Esq.**  
President and Co-Founder  
*Veterans Legal Institute*

**Bryan Fazio**  
Navy Veteran  
Law Student, *Whittier Law School*

### **Program Chair:**

**Major Dwight Stirling, Esq., M.Ed.**  
Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder  
*Veterans Legal Institute*

Hundreds of thousands of veterans have been separated from the military with less than honorable discharges, e.g., “bad paper.” Some of these veterans suffer from military sexual trauma, post-traumatic stress, or traumatic brain injury. Often, a veteran’s negative discharge is a direct result of the trauma he/she’s incurred while in service. Veterans with “bad paper” are branded and stigmatized by their discharge documents, paperwork they must show to prospective employers, often foreclosing employment opportunities and making them ineligible for important VA benefits. For many, their only avenues for relief are the Department of Defense Discharge Review Boards.

The focus of this MCLE program will be to train OCBA attorneys to assist veterans with discharge upgrades. The goal is to teach advocates to successfully take a discharge upgrade case from intake to completion of the petition, explaining the various types of discharges, the best practices for developing the petition, and methodologies for obtaining persuasive corroborating evidence from eyewitnesses, medical personnel, and members of the chain of command. All OCBA members are encouraged to attend this powerful session and acquire the tools needed to transform veterans’ lives.

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Non-OCBA Members	<b>\$125*</b>

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