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Thursday, October 26, 2017

Registration/Lunch: 12:00 p.m. • Program: 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Orange County Bar Association • 4101 Westerly Place, Newport Beach, CA 92660 • Free Parking

Speakers:

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Topic:

Under the *Feres* doctrine, a policy stemming from the Supreme Court case of *Feres v. United States* in 1950, service members are categorically banned from filing suits for harm incurred while on duty. The denial of judicial review extends to non-combat-related injuries such as sexual assault and medical malpractice. Since its inception, courts and commentators have vehemently condemned the doctrine, arguing that it is unjust to close the courthouse door to the men and women who preserve our freedom. Still, the policy remains controlling Supreme Court precedent. The program will explore the origin of the doctrine, its expansion over the years, and the withering criticism calling for its repeal.

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