



# Making the Right Moves

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT & LEADERSHIP TRAINING for MILITARY SPOUSES

October 17, 2014  
San Diego, CA

### AGENDA

- 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM      *Registration – Thomas Jefferson School of Law, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor*
- 8:30 AM – 8:45 AM      **Keynote Welcome: How Extraordinary People Lead**  
Dean Thomas Guernsey, Thomas Jefferson School of Law
- 8:45 AM – 9:30 AM      **First Things First: Your Opening Pitch**  
Lori Volkmann, Esq., Trajectory Communications  
Adrianna Domingos-Lupher, NextGen MilSpouse  
Barrett Avigdor, Esq., Major, Lindsey, & Africa
- 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM      **Shoot for the Stars: Building a Career Plan**  
Professor Amy Day, Thomas Jefferson School of Law  
Andrew Woodmansee, Esq., Morrison Foerster  
Sonja Dupourque, TalentPlex US  
Donna Huneycutt, Esq., Wittenberg Weiner Consulting
- 10:45 AM – 11:45 AM      **The Grit Project**  
Katie Larkin-Wong, Esq., Ms. JD  
Teresa Beck, Esq., ABA Commission on Women Representative
- Noon – 1:15 PM      **Networking Luncheon: Leadership Through Action**
- 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM      **Connecting with Local Leadership: How to Build Your Network**  
Alisa Reinhardt, San Diego Chamber of Commerce  
Renee Galente, Esq., Ganci & Galente
- 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM      **Keynote Afternoon: Service and Success**  
Casey Tanaka, Mayor of Coronado
- 3:15 PM – 4:00 PM      **Supporting Your Community and Strengthening Your Resume**  
Parisa Ijadi-Maghsoodi, Esq., San Diego Volunteer Lawyers Program  
Professor Steve Berenson, Veterans Legal Clinic  
Theresa Mesa, State Bar of California Office of Legal Services





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4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

### **Homefront Rising: Joining the Political Ranks**

Nicole Quinn-Gato, Esq., former counsel to Gov. Jeb Bush  
Special guests to be announced

5:00 PM – 5:45PM

### **Pathway to the Bench**

Judge Brenda Harte-Foote, ABA Margaret Brent Award Recipient  
Janice Mulligan, California Judicial Nominations Evaluation Committee

5:45 PM – 6:00 PM

### **Closing: Service, Sacrifice, and Success**

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### PANEL SUMMARIES

#### **First Things First: Making the Pitch**

How you present yourself and your skills and experience is crucial. Opening pitch, elevator speech, and personal mission statement – do you have them ready? Learn important tips on how distinguish yourself and successfully convey your value to your network.

#### **Shoot for the Stars: Building a Career Plan**

Figuring out where to find your start in your career can be daunting, but there are many successful professionals from whom you can learn tips of the trade. Learn how they got their start, and hear best practices for success.

#### **The Grit Project**

Military spouses are resilient, determined and motivated – they have grit. The American Bar Association's Grit Project educates women lawyers about the science behind grit and growth mindset - two important traits that many successful women lawyers have in common. By providing the tools to assess and learn these traits, learn how to enhance this effectiveness as well as the retention and promotion of women lawyers.

#### **Connecting with Local Leadership: How to Build Your Network**

Are you familiar with your local leadership? Take this opportunity to learn the importance of state and local networking opportunities and get to know the folks leading your communities in California. Learn how to connect with the right people, create a supportive network that extends across state jurisdictions and leverage that network to help you succeed.

#### **Supporting Your Community and Strengthening Your Resume**

We all know that experience is a key ingredient to a successful career, but as attorneys, we also share a duty to support the communities in which we live. Even if we may not be in an area for a long period of time, there are always opportunities to give back. In this session, we will explore how to simultaneously serve your community while strengthening your resume.

#### **Homefront Rising: Joining the Political Ranks**

Military Spouses are adept at calling on Congress and our elected officials to demand that they meet the needs of those who serve. But we also need members of our own community among the elected officials making decisions that affect it. Hear from politicals to learn how to pursue positions of influence in local, state, and national government.

#### **Pathway to the Bench**

Do you want to be a judge one day but have no idea how to get started? Serving as a neutral decision-making is often considered the height of legal success. Learn about the Judicial Appointments and Elections Process from these judges and experts.

