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Professional Experience:

Chief, Legal Assistance Branch, Legal Division, Maintenance and Logistics Command Pacific (MLC PAC), U.S. Coast Guard, Alameda, CA, 1996-2004. In 2004, retired with 27 years federal service. Supervised and mentored 24 attorneys (active duty, Reserve Coast Guard and Naval Reserve) working part-time providing legal services throughout California in accordance with 10 USC §1044. Managed most extensive legal assistance program in Coast Guard, providing comprehensive legal services in the areas of Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, estate planning, will preparation, family law, consumer law, landlord/tenant matters, immigration and naturalization, income tax, and all issues related to Servicemember's Civil Relief Act. In-court representation and complete assistance with *pro se* matters including document preparation and court appearances. Managed income tax and preventive law programs including publishing public notices, conducting unit training, and coordinating volunteers. Guest instructor for the American Bar Association, Naval Justice School, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and Alameda County Bar Association.

Chief, Legal Assistance Branch, Military District of Washington (MDW), U.S. Army, Fort Myer, VA, 1994-96. Responsible for legal assistance, tax, and preventive law programs in the Metropolitan DC area.

Legal Assistance Attorney, Legal Assistance Policy Office, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Army, Pentagon, Washington, DC, 1993-94. Purposed, interpreted, and implemented Army and Department of Defense (DoD) policies regarding legal assistance and family support matters. Provided legal services to Army's most senior officers.

Legal Assistance Attorney, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (OSJA), 7th Infantry Division, Fort Ord, CA, 1991-93. Provided comprehensive legal assistance to military personnel and families in the Monterey Bay area.

Chief, Client Services Branch, OSJA, Sixth U.S. Army & Garrison, Presidio of San Francisco, CA, 1986-91. Managed Army's legal assistance, tax, disability, preventive law, and claims programs in Northern California. Supervised a staff of 10 and managed a claims budget in excess of \$1 million.

U.S. Marine Corps Reserve:

Judge Advocate, 1983-2001. Retired Colonel. Provided legal services and attorney training throughout the USMC and Navy. Served with the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), Office Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs; Naval Physical Evaluation Board; Naval Postgraduate School; MCRD – San Diego; HQMC; and various judge advocate (JA) positions. Appointed by the President of the American Bar Association (ABA) to the Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel (LAMP). Editor, *LAMP Lighter*, ABA periodical for DoD Legal Assistance Attorneys.

U.S. Marine Corps:

Judge Advocate, active duty 1975-83. Received leadership award, Molly Marine Award, and meritorious, regular commission as Honor Graduate from The Basic School (TBS), Quantico, VA. Assigned to 1st Marine Division (1st Mar Div), Camp Pendleton, CA; 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Iwakuni, Japan; and Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, DC. Rated number one Trial Counsel in 1st Mar Div at a time when caseload was second largest ever in DoD. Established first spouse abuse programs; testified before Congressional Subcommittee and guest speaker for U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regarding spouse abuse in the military and Camp Pendleton Spouse Abuse Program. Wrote initial recommendation, including proposed organization for USMC Family Service Centers and Key Wives. Assist SJA 1st Mar Div for Legal Assistance; Legal Assistance Branch Head, Judge Advocate Division, HQMC – responsible for USMC policies regarding legal assistance matters at Camp Pendleton and throughout the Marine Corps.

Education: **Juris Doctorate**, California Western School of Law, San Diego, CA, 1975
Bachelor of Arts, University of California at Los Angeles, CA, 1970
Advance Placement Student, Chapman College “World Campus Afloat” – traveled around the world (27 countries) while completing senior year of high school and college credits, 1966

Admitted to Practice: California, 1975; U.S. Court of Military Appeals, 1976; and U.S. Supreme Court, 1980

Member: Estate Planning and Tax Law Sections – California State Bar and the American Bar Association; National Military Family Association (Volunteer Area Representative); and the ABA’s Standing Committee on Legal Assistance to Military Personnel

Former California State Ombudsman, ESGR

Appointed: Judge *Pro Tem*, Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, September 2001 (Traffic, Small Claims and Family Law);
2004 ABA Working Group on Protecting Servicemember’s Rights

Awards: ABA’s LAMP Committee Distinguished Service Award, USCG, MLC Pacific (PAC) 2001; Meritorious Achievement Award for 2000 from U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Rodney Slater; Senior Naval Reserve Judge Advocate Certificate of Appreciation, (MLC PAC) May 2000; Decoration for Meritorious Civilian Service; California Western School of Law Alumna of the Year, 2000; Coast Guard Meritorious Team Award (MLC PAC); Commander’s Award for Civilian Service; and the 1999 Federal Executive Board’s Professional Employee of the Year for San Francisco Bay Area

Family: Married with six children and five grandchildren. Husband, Patrick is a retired systems engineer. Son and daughter-in-law, Lionel and Aimee Halsey practice law in Oceanside. Son, Michael is a member of the Grammy-winning band, Green Day. Son, Mark plays rugby for CSU Chico.