

The Dr. Evan R. Seamone Memorial Award

NIMJ has established [a new annual award in honor of Dr. Evan R. Seamone](#).

The award recognizes formal efforts to advance veterans' rights within a calendar year – including published scholarly articles, opinion pieces, litigation projects, and advocacy work advancing veterans' rights. The award is intended to recognize substantial education, advocacy, and litigation efforts that meaningfully contribute to advancing veterans' rights in the United States. Submissions will be evaluated for “excellence in advancing veterans' rights.” A committee of law professors and practitioners will select future winners.



A passionate advocate, astute practitioner, and superb scholar, Dr. Seamone positively enhanced veterans' rights in countless ways for thousands of veterans, and his life's work is an enduring inspiration for all who work on behalf of those who wore the nation's uniform.

Those interested in nominating their own or a colleague's work should provide a short explanatory letter to the NIMJ email (admin@nimj.org) with details of the nominated project, the author's name, email, and phone number no later than midnight on 31 December 20XX.

New Rules

You can find many of the new rules in the now-published [MANUAL FOR COURTS-MARTIAL \(2023\)](#), which is effectively a temporary measure. The JSC promises the 2024 edition “no later than the end of the year.” The USMC prepared a [flow chart to accompany the manual](#) on navigating from reporting an offense through referral under the new STC system.

Meetings and Symposia (Save the date)

6 October 2023: NIMJ [Conference on Transparency in Military Justice](#).

Litigation

The CAAF has issued an opinion in [*United States v. Hasan*](#), with a unanimous affirmance. At the time of this writing, CAAF has extended the deadline to ask for reconsideration. We anticipate a petition to the Supreme Court.

On 23 November 2023, the Supreme Court will hear oral argument in [*Rudisill v. McDonough*](#). The issue presented,

Whether a veteran who has served two separate and distinct periods of qualifying service under the Montgomery GI Bill and the [**Post-9/11 GI Bill**](#) is entitled to receive a total of 48 months of education benefits as between both programs, without first exhausting the Montgomery benefit in order to obtain the more generous Post-9/11 benefit.

[SCOTUSblog](#) has more information.

Various [news organizations](#) have been reporting the collapse of the “Fat Leonard” prosecutions in San Diego, based largely on a pattern of prosecutorial misconduct.

Reports

[NIMJ Gitmo Reports, Vol. 8](#)

Worth a look (new and old)

Izabella Steflja, Jessica Trisko Darden, and Amanda Wintersleck, [*Breaking Through the Legal Binary: Medial Labelling of Dominic Ongwen as a Victim-Perpetrator*](#). 1 J. OF SOC. & LEGAL STUDIES 24 (2023). (NIMJ participated as amicus in the recent appellate hearing of his case.)

Julia Flint, [*Australia’s Investigation of Alleged ADF War Crimes in Afghanistan*](#). J. INT. CRIM. JUST. mqad032, 25 September 2023.

Simon Parsons, [*Individual Liability for International Crime*](#). 7 J. HUM., ARTS AND SOC. SCI. 1494 (2023).

Jeremy Gutner, [*How to Get Away With Crimes Against Humanity: The Statutory Gap in US Law*](#). JustSecurity, 8 September 2023.

Cheers, Phil Cave, Editor