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### **CURRICULUM VITAE**

#### **Business Status:**

**Since 2016: Principal and Founder of John Camp Law, LLC (A Specialty Consulting Firm for Attorneys and Clients with divorces involving significant financial assets arising from Military and Federal Civil Service)**

**1995-2016: Equity Partner in Westmoreland, Patterson, Moseley & Hinson, LLP (Full Service Law Firm with focus on Family Law, Personal Injury, Bankruptcy, Social Security Disability, and Real Estate)**

**1974-1995: Active Duty Staff Judge Advocate, United States Air Force.**

#### **Education:**

**Undergraduate: 1971 Auburn University, (High Honors) Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Economics)**

**Professional: 1974 University of Georgia, Juris Doctor**

- Military:**
- 1971 Distinguished Military Graduate, Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps, Auburn University
  - 1971 Regular Officer Commission, United States Air Force
  - 1976 Distinguished Graduate, Air Force Judge Advocate General's School, Air University, Air Training Command, Maxwell AFB
  - 1980 Distinguished Graduate, Air Force Squadron Officer's School, Air University, Air Training Command, Maxwell AFB
  - 1984 Air Force Air Command and Staff College, Air University, Air Training Command, Maxwell AFB
  - 1988 Air War College, Air University, Air Training Command, Maxwell AFB

**Academic and Leadership Honors:**

- Phi Kappa Phi (Honor, Academic)
- Outstanding Graduate, Auburn University School of Business
- Auburn University President's Award, School of Business
- Omicron Delta Kappa (Honor, Leadership)
- Blue Key (Honor, Leadership)
- Phi Alpha Delta (Professional Law)

**Social, Business, and Civic Involvement:**

- Military Officers Association of America (Military, Special Interest)
- Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies (Law, Special Interest)
- Board of Directors, In Town Macon Association (Civic, Historic Interest)
- Air Force Judge Advocates Association (Military Law)
- Air Force Association (Military, Special Interest)
- Lambda Chi Alpha (Social Fraternity)
- Delta Sigma Pi (Professional Business)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership for Houston County (Civic, Special Interest)

**Military Honors:**

- 1971 Air Force ROTC Commandant's Award (Honor, Military)

- 1970 Scabbard and Blade Society (Honor, Military)**
- 1970 Arnold Air Society (Honor, Military)**
- 1979 Outstanding Area Defense Counsel, European Circuit, USAF Trial Defense Judiciary**
- 1981 Outstanding Company Grade Staff Judge Advocate, Tactical Air Command.**

### **Military Decorations**

- National Defense Service Medal**
- Southwest Asia Service Medal**
- Liberation of Kuwait Medal**
- Air Force Commendation Medal (Three Oak Leaf Clusters)**
- Air Force Meritorious Service Medal (Two Oak Leaf Clusters)**
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal (Two Oak Leaf Clusters)**

### **Law & Bar Professional Matters:**

- 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 & 2020 Georgia Super Lawyers, Family Law Marshall-Tuttle Award, State Bar of Georgia (2013)**
- 2015 The National Advocates Top 100 Lawyers**
- Avvo Superb Rated and Client's Choice (2014 thru 2020)**
- AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell in Ethics and Professionalism**
- Member, State Bar of Georgia since 1974 (46 years)**
- Member, Georgia Family Law Section**
- Past Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer, Military & Veteran's Law Section**
- Member, Georgia Military Legal Assistance Program Committee**
- Registered Mediator and Arbitrator, Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution**
- Member, The Florida Bar since 1994 (26 years)**
- Member, Family Law Section, Florida Bar**
- Member, American Bar Association, Family Law and Military Law Sections**
- Member, American Bar Association, Military Family Law Committee**
- Member, Macon Judicial Circuit Bar Association**
- Master, Augustus Bootle Inn of Court**
- Past Secretary, Houston Judicial Circuit Bar Association**
- 24 years recognition for Pro Bono work by Georgia Leal Services**
- Life Fellow (since 2006), Georgia Lawyers Foundation**
- Department of Defense Community Leadership and Service (2011)**
- Recognition for Achievement by Georgia Bar's Board of Governors, (2011)**

### **Admissions to State & Federal Courts and Administrative Agencies:**

- 1974 Georgia Supreme Court**
- 1974 Georgia Court of Appeals**

- 1995 Florida Supreme Court**
- 1995 Florida District Courts of Appeal**
- 1996 United States District Court for Middle District of Georgia**
- 1997 U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit**
- 1975 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces**
- 3012 U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims**
- 2012 Department of Veterans Affairs, Accredited Representative**
- 2015 United States Supreme Court (Admitted on Motion in Open Session)**

**Professional Military and Legal Experience:**

- 1974-1995 Lead Trial and Defense Counsel in over 500 Courts-Martial**
- 1974-1976 Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, Lowry AFB, Denver CO (ATC)**
- 1974-1976 Special Assistant United States Attorney for Prosecutions in U.S. Magistrates' Court**
- 1976-1979 Chief of Military Justice, Chief of International Law, Foreign Military Trial Observer (Prosecutions of U.S. Service Members in foreign criminal courts); Bitburg Air Base, Federal Republic of Germany, (USAFE, NATO)**
- 1979-1980 Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 36<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Bergstrom AFB, Austin TX (TAC)**
- 1980-1982 Chief, Military Justice for Twelfth Air Force, Bergstrom AFB, TX (TAC)**
- 1982-1985 Chief Military Legal Advisor to the General Counsel and Director, National Security Agency, Ft. Meade MD (Pentagon Assignment)**
- 1985-1988 Staff Judge Advocate, 92<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Wing (Heavy) and Air Force Survival School, Fairchild AFB, Spokane WA (SAC)**
- 1988-1992 Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, United States Central Command, McDill AFB; Staff Judge Advocate, Air Force Element (USCENTCOM); Staff Judge Advocate, Joint Communications Support Element; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Member, War Crimes Investigations Team, Kuwait City, Kuwait; Legal Advisor to Coalition Forces Delegation for the Multi-Lateral Negotiations on Repatriation of Prisoner of War and Displaced Civilians, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, Switzerland; Legal Advisor, Search and Rescue Operations in Sudan, Ethiopia & Somalia; Legal Advisor to USCENTCOM Inspector General; Member, Legal Advisor to Staff Assistance Teams for Foreign Military Training Missions.**
- 1992-1995 Chief, International and Operational Law, Chief, Military Justice, United States Reserve Forces Command, Robins AFB, Warner Robins, GA**
- Dec 1995 Retired, United States Air Force as Lieutenant Colonel (O-5).**
- 1996-2016 Private Law Practice, Westmoreland, Patterson, Moseley & Hinson, LLP, Warner Robins GA; Lead Counsel on over 2000 divorces**

resolved through jury and non-jury trials, mediation and arbitration, and settlement conferences. Specialty within firm is on those divorce cases involving Military and Civil Service issues, especially those matters relating to division of federal retirements, federal health benefits, and survivor benefits, child custody, child support, alimony, relocation, etc.

**2016-Present** Principal and Founder of John Camp Law, LLC, a law firm specializing in representing clients and providing consulting services and expert witness support for other attorneys in cases involving Military and Federal Civil Service Divorce

### **Publications:**

- 1974**            **Georgia Search and Seizure Law for Law Enforcement Officers**, Institute for Police Science, Institute of Government, University of Georgia.
- 2009**            **Health Care Options for Former Military Spouses: TRICARE and the Continued Health Care Benefits Program (CHCBP)**; ABA Family Law Section, Family Law Quarterly, pp 227-300, Vol. 43, No. 2 Summer 2009

### **Legislative Activities:**

- 2008**            **Recommendations on How Military Pay and Allowances are Considered in Determining Gross Monthly Income for Child Support Purposes under O.C.G.A. §19-6-15(f)(1)**, Presented to the Georgia State Child Support Commission on January 10, 2008, Georgia State Capitol. (Passed into Law in 2008)
- 2011**            **Georgia Military Parents Protection Act**. Draft and lobby for SB 112 during the 2011 General Assembly. After passing House and Senate on unanimous votes, signed into law by Governor Deal on May 11, 2011. This Bill amended Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia as it relates to protecting the rights of Military Parents and protecting military children in custody actions.
- 2012**            **Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children**, SB 219 during the 2012 General Assembly. Advocates legislative relief for dependents of Military Parents allowing them to transition between interstate public school systems and without penalties in academic advancement and extracurricular activities

when required to do so because of their parents' military orders and deployments.

- 2013 **Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act.** Advocates that Georgia adopted a uniform statute that provides relief to military parents and their children when national service interrupts their court ordered parenting plans. Lobbied the State Bar of Georgia to sponsor this legislation in the 2013 General Assembly.

**Presentations at Continuing Legal Education Institutes and Seminars:**

- 2002 **A Primer for Family Law Practitioners in Federal Retirements – Part I: Federal Civil Service,** Institute for Continuing Legal Education in Georgia, University of Georgia. (Program materials 2002/025125, Presented Savannah, Atlanta, and retransmitted via Georgia Public Television.)
- 2003 **A Primer for Family Law Practitioners in Federal Retirements – Part II: Military Divorce,** Institute for Continuing Legal Education in Georgia, University of Georgia. (Program materials 2003/035485, Presented Savannah, Atlanta, and retransmitted via Georgia Public Television.)
- 2004 **Military and Federal Civil Service Retirement Issues in Divorce,** Institute for Continuing Legal Education in Georgia and Macon Bar Association, Mercer University School of Law Family Practice CLE Seminar.
- 2005 **Military and Federal Retirement and Benefit Issues, Recent Developments and Trial Tactics,** State Bar of Georgia and Institute for Continuing Legal Education in Georgia, 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Law Institute
- 2005 **Recent Developments in Family Law Affecting Military Personnel,** Mercer University Law School and State Bar of Georgia and Institute for Continuing Legal Education. (Program Materials for Mid Year State Bar Conference, January 3, 2006)
- 2008 **Former Spouse Health Care: The Continuation of Health Care Benefits Program (CHCBP) as a Long-Term Health Care Option for Military Former Spouses;** ABA Family Law Section, Military Family Law Committee, Roll Call, Summer Edition, 2008.
- 2008 **Military Family Law “Tips & Traps”:** Military Pension Division; Presented for the Illinois State Bar Association, John Marshall School

of Law, University of Chicago, in conjunction with the ABA Family Law 2008 Section Meeting, April 30, 2008.

- 2009 **Military Family Law: New Developments in Military Family Law Current Issues and “Tips & Traps” of Interest**; Presented for the Houston County Bar Association to benefit the HODAC Violence Against Women Workshop, March 31, 2009.
- 2010 **The Parent in Uniform: Child Support Issues Involving Members of the Uniformed Services**; Mercer University School of Law and the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia program materials, presented May 4, 2010 at the Mercer University School of Law.
- 2011 **Health Care Options for the Non-Military Spouse: TRICARE and the Continued Health Care Benefit Program (CHCBP)**, State Bar of Georgia and Institute for Continuing Legal Education in Georgia, 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Law Institute.
- 2011 **Military Child Custody: The Georgia Military Parent’s Rights Act**, State Bar of Georgia and Institute for Continuing Legal Education in Georgia, 29<sup>th</sup> Family Law Institute
- 2011 **Child Support and Parents in the Uniformed Services: Determining Gross Monthly Income for the Parent in Uniform**, State Bar of Georgia and Institute for Continuing Legal Education in Georgia, 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Law Institute
- 2011 **Military Service Considerations in Family Law Decision-Making**, Summer 2011 Georgia Superior Court Judges Summer Conference, Georgia Council for Superior Court Judges and Georgia Institute for Continuing Judicial Education.
- 2011 **Georgia Military Parents’ Rights Act, Background and Ramifications for Practitioners and Servicemembers**; Military Legal Assistance and VA Accreditation Symposium, State Bar of Georgia, Military and Veteran’s Affairs Section, and the Georgia Institute for Continuing Legal Education, November 3, 2011.
- 2011 **Military Divorce: Dividing Military Retirement Benefits**, Strafford Webinars and Teleconferences, Speakers with Mark Sullivan (North Carolina Bar) and Wm. John Camp (Georgia Bar). Nationally accredited CLE. Produced December 13, 2011.
- 2012 **Rise or Fall? A Mentorship Call, Your First VA Case: What Should Be Done and When**, State Bar of Georgia, Military and Veteran’s

Affairs Section, and the Georgia Institute for Continuing Legal Education, May 10, 2012.

- 2012 **The Judges' Guide to the 2003 and 2010 Federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act**, presented at the 16 Hour State Court Judges Spring Conference May 16-18 in Athens, Georgia and sponsored by the Georgia Institute for Continuing Judicial Education.
- 2012 Featured Speaker and Panelist on **Former Spouse Health Care Options after Divorce, TRICARE and CHCBP**, at the San Antonio Bar Association's Family Law Section's 16 Hour Seminar on Military Divorce and Retirement, September 27-29, 2012, San Antonio, Texas.
- 2012 **National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Strategic Planning Conference, Columbus GA, December 6, 2012.** Provided subject matter expertise and commentary for developing continuing judicial education training on Servicemember and Military Family issues including Veterans assistance, custody and family support, healthcare options for former spouses and children of Servicemembers, and on Veterans Alternative Courts.
- 2012 **Military Divorce: Support Obligations and Health Care Coverage, Strafford Webinars and Teleconferences, Speakers with Mark Sullivan (North Carolina Bar) and Wm. John Camp (Georgia Bar).** Nationally accredited CLE. Produced December 19, 2012.
- 2013 **Military Divorce—Retirement Benefits Division, Strafford Webinars and Teleconferences; Co-Presented with Brent Tanner, ESQ;** Nationally accredited Family Law CLE. Produced June 25, 2013.
- 2014 **Same Sex Couples in the Federal Sector—Family Law; Third Annual Same Sex Legal Issues, Sponsored by the Stonewall Bar Association of Georgia, Family Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia, and the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia No. 148565, Atlanta March 20, 2014.**
- 2014 **The Counsel to the Commander—Role of the Military Judge Advocate in Peace and War,** Presented for the Survey of the French and Continental Systems of Law, and the Role of the Military Lawyers in Peace and War, Cosponsored by the Georgia Bar Military and Veterans Law Section, The Georgia Bar Military Legal Assistance Committee, and the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia; Presented May 6 & 7, 2014, Normandy, France
- 2014 **Federal Agencies Implementation of Windsor and Policies Re Same Sex Couples;** Nuts and Bolts of Family Law, Sponsored by the



- Georgia Bar Family Law Section and the Georgia Institute for Continuing Legal Education No. 148651, Savannah August 22, 2014.
- 2015 **Same Sex Issues Regarding Federal Benefits**, Presented for 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Same Sex Legal Issues CLE by the Family Law Section of the Georgia Bar and the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia, No. 158843, Atlanta Georgia, March 19, 2015.
- 2016 **Survivor Benefit Plans and Military Divorce—Defending Against or Claiming Former Spouse SBP Coverage**; Strafford Webinars and Teleconferences; Co-Presented with Brent Tanner, ESQ; Nationally accredited Family Law CLE. Produced March 16, 2016.
- 2016 **Basics of Divorcing Servicemembers—Use of the Time Rule Formula in Equitably Dividing Marital Property**; 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Law Institute, May 19-21, 2016; Sponsored by the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia and the Institute of Continuing Legal Education in Georgia (No. 169181)
- 2016 **Dividing Federal Civil Service Retirement Benefits—Nuts and Bolts of Family Law Seminar**, presented August 19, 2016 (Savannah); Sponsored by the Family Law Section of the Georgia Bar and the Institute for Continuing Legal Education in Georgia (No.169243)
- 2017 **Basics of Divorcing Members of the Armed Forces--2017 Georgia Superior Court Judges Winter Conference & Educational Sessions**, January 17-20, 2017; Council of Georgia Superior Court Judges and the Institute for Continuing Legal Education in Georgia (ICLE), University of Georgia
- 2017 **Military Benefits in Military Domestic Cases: TRICARE, CHCBP & SBP**;—American Bar Association Family Law Section, Spring CLE Conference at Savannah, Georgia May 3-6, 2017.
- 2017 **Survivor Benefit Plans and Military Divorce—Defending Against or Claiming Former Spouse SBP Coverage**; Strafford Webinars and Teleconferences; Co-Presented with Brent Tanner, ESQ; Nationally accredited Family Law CLE. Produced June 28, 2017.
- 2017 **TRICARE and CHCBP: Update for Attorneys and Former Military Spouses**; San Antonio Texas Bar Association Symposium on Military Divorce and Retirement, October 12-14, 2017.
- 2018 Update on New Blended Military Retirement System, Federal Laws Affecting Military Retirement in Divorce, U.S. Supreme Court Update; 25<sup>th</sup> Annual ADR Institute and 2018 ADR Neutrals'

Conference, December 7, 2018, GA Bar ICLE Bar Headquarters, Atlanta.

**Expert Witness Experience and Topics:**

Much of Mr. Camp's practice is devoted to consulting with and assisting other attorneys in properly advising their clients on the equitable division of federal retirement benefits offered in a multitude of pension programs that are not covered by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). Mr. Camp also serves as an expert witness in hearings, trials, mediations and arbitrations concerning Federal Civil Service and Military Retirement benefits that are subject to division or award in divorce. Testimony and assistance during trials, mediation and arbitration have included:

- Differences in Federal Retirement Annuity Benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS).
- Calculations of CSRS and FERS Retirement Annuities based upon years of Federal Service.
- Formulas and calculations to achieve equitable division of CSRS and FERS Retirement Annuities.
- CSRS and FERS Survivor Benefit Annuities and How to Tag Parties with Payment of the Premiums
- Dealing with the FERS Basic Employee Death Benefit in Divorce or Permanent Separate Maintenance
- Divorce Strategies for CSRS and FERS Medical Retirement and Equitable Property Division
- Impact of Social Security Retirement offset to CSRS Annuities.
- Federal Employee Health Benefits and continuation of coverage under TCC and SPE post-divorce.
- Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) irrevocable assignment of benefits.

- **Special Retirement Considerations for Federal Air Traffic Controllers, Law Enforcement Officers, and Firefighters. (Impact of the FERS Retirement Supplement and dividing it as marital or community property)**
- **Division of Military and Civilian Federal Thrift Savings Plans (TSP) as part of divorce.**
- **Drafting of Court Orders to satisfy the Federal Office of Personnel Management (OPM) on dividing CSRS and FERS Retirements and Former Spouse Survivor Benefits.**
- **Military quality of life issues, impact upon family members of assignments and hardships.**
- **General Military Law issues including: Adultery among military members; Uniform Code of Military Justice offenses and punishments; policies on fraternization, sodomy and homosexuality; impact of divorce and bankruptcy on Security Clearances, Personal Reliability Programs, and Military Personnel matters such as promotions and Selection to Command.**
- **The Uniform Services Former Spouse Protection Act (10 USC §1408)**
- **Calculations of monthly Military Retired Pay for Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard personnel.**
- **Differences in Military Retirement Pensions based upon Montgomery and REDUX Era Statutes.**
- **Formulas and calculations to achieve equitable division of Military Retirement Pensions for Active Duty & Retired; Reservists and National Guard Personnel.**
- **Impact of Social Security Retirement Benefits on Military Retired Pay.**
- **The Evil Twins: Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) and It's More Kinder Sibling, Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CDRP) and their lurking impact upon**

- **The Department of Defense Survivors Benefit Plan and how it may be awarded to Former Spouses.**
- **Drafting of Court Orders to Divide Military Retired Pay and Provide Former Spouse Survivor Benefits**
- **Shifting of premium responsibility for DoD Survivor Benefit Plans and the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan.**
- **Servicemen’s Group Life Insurance (SGLI) and Veteran’s Group Life Insurance (VGLI).**
- **TRICARE Health Benefits for Former Spouses**
- **The DoD Continuation of Health Care Benefits Program (CHCBP) as a “long-term” health care option for Former Spouses of the US Armed Forces**
- **Military Benefits for Former Spouses, to include, Military Exchange, Commissary, and Base/Post Access**
- **Spouse Preference issues for Federal Employments.**
- **Veterans Disability Compensation and its impact upon dividing Military Retired Pay under the Uniform Services Former Spouse Protection Act.**
- **Garnishment Orders and other actions to collect child support and alimony arrears against Federal Employees and Military Personnel.**
- **Determining Gross Monthly Income of Service Members for Child Support Obligations.**
- **Award and Modification of Custody actions involving military dependents.**

**RECENT CASES WHERE MR. CAMP SERVED AS AN EXPERT WITNESS:**

**2020**      *Osborne v. Osborne*, Superior Court of Clayton County, Georgia Civil Action No. 04-DR-3879 7

- 2020 *In Re Matter of Juan Marco Garcia and Jill Garcia*, Superior Court Maricopa County, State of Arizona, Case No. FN20170093769
- 2020 *Marriott v. Marriott*, Superior Court of Cobb County, State of Georgia, Civil Action No. 07-1-6714-51
- 2019 *Stein v. Stein*, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, In the Trial Court for Probate and Family Court Department, for Essex Division, Docket No. ES19D0197DR
- 2019 *In Re Marriage of: Closen vs. Thal*, In the Circuit Court of the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuitry in and for Brevard County, FL, Case No. 06-2019-DR-029835
- 2019 *Hilkert v. Stancil*, Houston Superior Court, State of Georgia, Civil Action No. 2019V119732A
- 2019 *Baxter v. Baxter*, Houston Superior Court, State of Georgia Case No. 2019-V-120887A
- 2019 *Estate of Joe D. Whittenburg, Jr. (Deceased) and Ginger Boone, Plaintiff in Intervention vs. Wanda Whittenburg, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Joe D. Whittenburg, Jr., (Deceased) Defendant in Intervention*, In the County Court at Law No. 2, Randall County, Texas, Case Nos: 2015-205-P and 2015-205-P-1
- 2019 *Murray v. Godsey*, General Sessions Court for Roane County, Tennessee, Docket No. 501A
- 2019 *Garcia v. Garcia*, Family Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, County of Spartanburg, State of South Carolina, Case No. 2019-DR-42-2413
- 2018 *In Re Marriage of: Gray v. Gray*, In the Circuit Court of the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Monroe County, Florida, Case No. 2018-DR-1179-K
- 2018 *Toma v. Toma*, Court of Common Pleas of Alleghney County, Pennsylvania, Case No. FD18-009230-017
- 2017 *Spruell v. Spruell*, Camden Superior Court, State of Georgia Civil Action No. 17V871
- 2017 *Bonnell v. Bonnell*, Superior Court of Chattahoochee County, State of Georgia, Civil Action No. 16-CV-065