

JENNIFER ESPARZA

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EDUCATION

Juris Doctor | Georgetown University Law Center

- 2018 Tillman Scholar, Pat Tillman Foundation
- President, Military Law Society 2019-20
- Vice President, Military Law Society 2018-19
- Recipient of Exceptional Pro Bono Pledge Recognition
- Recipient of Clara Shortridge Foltz Award for Extraordinary Dedication

Bachelor of Arts | University of Oregon

- Major: International Studies | Minor: Arabic Studies
- Language studies: Arabic & Spanish (limited working proficiency/conversational)
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Recipient of the University of Oregon Nontraditional Student Award 2015
- Recipient of the University of Oregon Dean's Award for Service 2017

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Law Fellow

Veterans Education Success

Jun 2020 – Present

- Currently managing over 140 cases advocating for veterans in matters related to VA educational benefits
- Provides free legal support to active and former military members and dependents using GI Bill benefits
- Analyzes internal functions to streamline review of data and trends
- Originates consumer complaints to State Approving Agencies, Department of Veteran Affairs, Department of Education, and Federal Trade Commission
- Provides legal research and analysis on policy matters concerning veterans and educational benefits
- Uncovered and reported misrepresentations at USK9 and Howard University that negatively impacted student veterans and families
- Participated on a panel regarding “Bootstrap Mentality” for Minority Veterans of America

Student Attorney

Criminal Defense & Prisoner Advocacy Clinic

Georgetown University Law Center

Aug 2019 – May 2020

- Assigned to handle small caseload of misdemeanor cases, serving as lead attorney (from arraignment to trial) under supervision of Professor Vida Johnson
- Worked closely with Washington, DC's Public Defense Service office in support of its Parole Division, responsible to assist in revocation hearings
- Taught fundamental legal research and writing skills at a maximum-security prison for women in order to increase abilities to successfully interact with their own petitions and cases

Legal Intern & Case Analyst

Military Commissions Defense Organization –

Jan 2018 – Aug 2019

- Generated original motion-writing for defense team members and subject matter expert in understanding FOIA requests
- Provided case analyst support to all aspects of the defense case, including pre-trial motions, court filings, and development of defenses
- Conducted complex analysis of large amounts of information from a variety of sources, including intelligence, congressional, open source, journalists, and classified discovery

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- Responsible for analysis of case discovery and open-source intelligence, compiling into an accessible and organized report for the litigation and mitigation teams
- Exercised considerable independent judgment in reviewing and researching relevant materials
- Responsible for the independent research, analysis, organization, and writing of assigned requests for discovery and motions to be used by attorneys
- Contributed knowledge and ability to read and write in Arabic, providing a more personal form of communication and understanding with the client

SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION WORK

Co-Founder

Not In My Marine Corps 2017 – Present

- Outreach support for victims/survivors of sexual violence in the military through outreach on social media platforms
- Serves as an advocacy group on Capitol Hill and within the Marine Corps, directly addressing predatory behaviors of current and former service members
- Supported local grassroots efforts to provide justice for Spc. Vanessa Guillen's family and other military women
- Provided recommendations to the Independent Review Commission (IRC) on sexual assault

Dialogue Facilitator, Sexual Violence Prevention and Education

University of Oregon 2015 – 2017

- Facilitated conversations with incoming freshmen and transfers on campus regarding prevention of sexual violence
- Collaborated with a small team of facilitators to help them lead open discussions and deliver well-researched, effective presentations

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

Staff Sergeant, Administrative Specialist,

United States Marine Corps Sep 2002 – Nov 2013

- Established exceptional interpersonal and professional relationships with various high-ranking military officials, congressional staff, and governmental offices
- Displayed considerable skill and expertise in oral communication and ability to effectively present ideas in a clear and concise manner in high-operational tempos
- Accountable for all matters concerning accurate payment, separation, and reporting of personal achievements or updates for service-members in five units throughout tenure
- Earned meritorious promotions to the ranks of Sergeant and Lance Corporal for exceptional performance in duties
- Served as first woman within 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines in support of unit deployment to Okinawa, Japan, generating discussions regarding how to implement women into combat arms units
- Selected to serve as administrator in support of Generals Robert Magnus, James Amos, and Joseph Dunford (Pentagon, Washington, D.C.), managing all administrative matters and coordinating high-visibility events
- Graduated within top 10% in all attended military training
- Performed duties as enlisted aide to the Assistant Commandant and his wife during two trips, domestic and international
- Responsible for safeguarding classified materials and information, and ensured the safe handling of such materials