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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018 – Pres. **Center for Law and Military Policy**
Founder and Chief Executive Officer
- 2016 – Pres. **University of Southern California, Law School**
Adjunct Professor in Military and Veterans Law
- 2001 – Pres. **California National Guard (Major)**
Active duty from 2007 to 2014; reservist from 2001 to 2007 and 2014 to present.
Past assignments include Chief of Military Justice, General Counsel for the Joint
Forces Training Base, and Brigade Judge Advocate for 79th Infantry Brigade Combat
Team. Tried most general courts-martial in Cal Guard's history.
- 2014 – 2018 **Veterans Legal Institute**
Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer
- 2014 **University of California, Irvine, Law School**
Law Lecturer in Military and Veterans Law
- 2013 – 2018 **Columbia College of Missouri (Los Alamitos, California Campus)**
Adjunct Professor, Criminal Justice and Military Law
- 2011 – 2014 **Chapman University**
Clinical Professor at the Institute for Military Personnel, Veterans, Human Rights &
International Law
- 2001 – 2007 **StirlingLaw**
Founding partner of boutique law firm specializing in civil litigation
- 2000 – 2001 **Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell, LLC**
Litigation associate
- 1993 – 1997 **English Teacher**
High school and middle school

CIVILIAN EDUCATION

- 2019 (May) **Doctorate in Education (Organizational Leadership)**
Pepperdine University, Graduate School of Education and Psychology
- 2000 **Juris Doctorate**
University of Southern California School of Law
- 1996 **Master of Education**
Whittier College
- 1992 **Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy)**
Pomona College

MILITARY EDUCATION

- 2013 **Staff Judge Advocate's Course**
The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School
- 2012 **Military Justice Manager's Course**
The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School
- 2007 **Army Judge Advocate Advanced Course**
The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School
- 2004 **Officer Candidate School**
Camp San Luis Obispo
- 2002 **Basic Combat Training (United States Army)**
Fort Jackson, South Carolina

MILITARY RANK, BRANCH

Major, California Army National Guard, Judge Advocate General Corps

MILITARY DEPLOYMENT

- 2009 **Kosovo Force, Multi-National Task Force (East)**
Chief of Military Justice

MILITARY COURSES - INSTRUCTOR

- 2013 California Court-Martial Course
- 2011, 2013 Trial Advocacy Training

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Stirling, D. The Feres Doctrine: A Comprehensive Legal Analysis. Doctoral Dissertation (Pepperdine University). Proquest No. 13859621.

Stirling, D. The Feres Doctrine and Accountability. *1 Journal of Law, Policy & Military Affairs 1 (2019)*.

Stirling, D. & Warshaw, D. Closing the Courthouse Door to Servicemember Suits: Understanding the *Feres* Doctrine. *GP Solo (ABA), January/February 2018*.

Stirling, D. Foreword: Understanding and Treating Military Sexual Trauma 2nd Edition, by Dr. Kristen Zaleski, 2018.

Stirling, D. & Lovato, C. With All Due Respect, Mr. President, We're Not Going to Follow That Order: How and Why States Decide What Rules Apply to National Guard Personnel in a State Status. *22 Texas Review of Law and Politics 95 (2017)*.

Stirling, D. & Warshaw, D. Rethinking the Feres Doctrine. *Orange County Register, June 15, 2017*.

Stirling, D. & Lovato, C. Wait, My Former Lawyer Represents *Who?*: How Lackadaisical Side-switching in the California National Guard Creates Conflicts of Interests, Imperils Client Confidences, and Erodes Trust in the Militia Legal System. *25 Boston University's Public Interest Law Journal 427 (2016)*.

Stirling, D. & Riley, L. Less than Honorable. *Los Angeles Lawyer, September 2016*.

Stirling, D. & Lindren, A. Actually, Sir, I'm Not a California Attorney: The California National Guard, the State Bar Act, and the Nature of the Modern Militia. *43 Western State Law Review 1 (2015)*.

Stirling, D. Serving the Veteran Community. *Orange County Lawyer Magazine, November Edition (2014)*.

ASSOCIATIONS AND COMMITTEES

Chair, Veterans & Military Committee, Orange County Bar Association

Vice Chair, Standing Committee on Military and Veteran's Affairs, California Lawyers Association

MILITARY AWARDS

Meritorious Service Medal

Army Commendation Medal

Army Achievement Medal