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Renée Burbank Biography

Renée Burbank is the Director of Litigation at the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP). NVLSP is a national nonprofit organization that has worked since 1981 to ensure that the government delivers to our nation's 18 million veterans and active duty personnel the benefits to which they are entitled because of disabilities resulting from their military service to our country. As Director of Litigation, Ms. Burbank supervises and serves as counsel in lawsuits brought by NVLSP in U.S. district courts and Article III courts of appeals, including NVLSP's class actions and other strategic litigation. She also represents veterans before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims and at the Board of Veterans' Appeals.

Before joining NVLSP, Ms. Burbank worked at Yale Law School as a Robert M. Cover Clinical Teaching Fellow. In that role, she co-taught the school's Veterans Legal Services Clinic and co-supervised census-related litigation and advocacy in the Peter Gruber Rule of Law Clinic. In addition to her clinical teaching, Ms. Burbank also taught legal writing at Yale Law School and at George Washington University Law School. She has presented on a wide range of veterans law topics at legal conferences, including advocating for military sexual trauma survivors; the VA Program for Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers; and free speech issues impacting military veterans worldwide.

Prior to working at Yale Law School, Ms. Burbank served for nearly eight years in the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice as trial attorney and senior trial counsel. Her practice included all aspects of civil litigation at the trial and appellate levels, with significant experience in eminent domain, class actions, government contracts, and veterans benefits. Ms. Burbank's work earned her several accolades, including a Civil Division Special Commendation Award.

Ms. Burbank is a graduate of the University of Chicago (A.B., with honors) and Harvard Law School (J.D., *cum laude*). She is an active member in good standing of the D.C., Connecticut, and North Carolina state bars, a member of the CAVC Bar Association, and a VA-accredited attorney.