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**CAVC BAR ASSOCIATION VETERANS LAW CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETING
WASHINGTON NAVY YARD AND CONFERENCE CENTER
OCTOBER 20, 2017**

AGENDA

- 7:30-8:00am Registration/Welcome
- 8:00-8:15am **Remarks**, The Honorable Robert N. Davis, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
- 8:15-9:45am **Current Trends in Veterans Law** – Brian D. Griffin, Deputy Chief Counsel, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of General Counsel; Jonathan Hager, Veterans Law Judge, Board of Veterans' Appeals; Professor Daniel Nagin, Faculty Director of the Legal Service Center's Veterans Legal Clinic, Harvard Law School; *moderated by* Zachary M. Stolz, Past-President, CAVC Bar Association
- 9:45-10:00am Break
- 10:00-11:30am **Are Chevron and Auer Endangered? The Future of Deference to Agencies in the Federal Courts** – Professor Adam White, Director of the George Mason University Law School Center for the Study of the Administrative State; Professor Jonathan R. Siegel, George Washington University Law School; Martin Hockey, Deputy Director, Department of Justice; *moderated by* Professor James D. Ridgway, George Washington Law School
- 11:30-1:00pm **Lunch**
- An Introduction to the new CAVC Judges** – The Honorable Michael P. Allen, The Honorable Amanda L. Meredith, and The Honorable Joseph L. Toth; *moderated by* Megan C. Kral, President, CAVC Bar Association
- 1:00-2:00 pm **Lessons in Appellate Advocacy** – James R. Barney, Partner, Finnegan; Professor Stephen Braga, University of Virginia Law School; *moderated by* Sarah Fusina, CAVC Bar Association
- 2:00-3:00pm **Ethics** – Janie Rhodes and David Mercer, Virginia Lawyers Helping Lawyers
- 3:00-3:15 pm Break
- 3:15-4:15pm **Persuasive Brief Writing** – David E. Boelzner, Co-Director, The Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Veterans Benefits Clinic, William & Mary Law School & President-Elect, CAVC Bar Association; Kenneth Walsh, Deputy Chief Counsel, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of General Counsel
- 4:15-5:00 pm Annual Meeting
- 5:00-7:00 pm Reception