

## Yelena Duterte

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### Admissions to Practice

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Illinois	May 2012
VA Accredited Attorney	June 2012
United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims	May 2013
United States Court of Federal Claims	January 2018
New York	June 2018
The Supreme Court of the United States	June 2023
United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois	December 2023
United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit	February 2024

### Education

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University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois <i>Juris Doctor</i>	January 2012
University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, Illinois <i>Bachelor of Arts, Economics and Political Science</i>	December 2007

### Academic Positions

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University of Illinois Chicago School of Law Assistant Professor of Law and Director of the Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic	<b>July 2019 – Present</b>
Syracuse University College of Law Associate Teaching Professor and Director of Wohl Family Veterans Legal Clinic	<b>January 2015 – June 2019</b>
University of Illinois Chicago School of Law Assistant Clinical Director of the Veterans Legal Support Center & Clinic (Oct. 2014 – Dec. 2014); Staff Attorney (May 2012 - Sept. 2014); Various Student Positions (January 2010-May 2012)	<b>January 2010 – December 2014</b>

### Law Review Publications

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- “A Feminist Critique of the VA Rating Schedule,” *forthcoming in the Michigan Journal of Gender and the Law*.
- “Review of Recent Veterans Law Decisions of the Federal Circuit, 2022-2023 Edition,” *American University Law Review*, 73 AM. U. L. REV. 101 (*forthcoming in 2024*).
- “Review of Recent Veterans Law Decisions of the Federal Circuit, 2021 Edition,” *American University Law Review*, 71 AM. U. L. REV. 1619 (2022).
- “Duty to Impair: Failure to Adopt the Federal Rules of Evidence Allows the VA to Rely on Incompetent Examiners and Inadequate Medical Examinations,” *UMKC Law Review*, 90 UMKC L. Rev. 511 (2022).

“Review of Recent Veterans Law Decisions of the Federal Circuit, 2020 Edition,” *American University Law Review*, 70 AM. U. L. REV. 1381 (2021).

“Splendid Isolation: VA’s Failure to Provide Due Process Protections and Access to Justice to Veterans and Their Caregivers,” *Journal of Law and Policy*, 29 J. L. Pol’y 1 (2020).

“Review of Recent Veterans Law Decisions of the Federal Circuit,” *American University Law Review*, 69 AM. U. L. REV. 1343 (2020).

“Decision, Appeal, Repeat: How VA Can Eliminate Wait Times, Error, and Red Tape Through Settlements,” *Syracuse Law Review*, Vol. 68, Issue 2, 407-427 (2018).

### **Online Publications**

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Yelena Duterte, Opinion: Veteran Basic Income could be the solution the VA has been searching for, The Hill (March 3, 2023), <https://thehill.com/opinion/healthcare/4501159-veteran-basic-income-could-be-the-solution-the-va-has-been-searching-for/>.

Yelena Duterte, Opinion: VA hospitals must stop criminalizing veterans, Stars & Stripes (December 10, 2023), <https://www.stripes.com/opinion/2023-12-10/va-hospitalizes-must-stop-criminalizing-veterans-12314080.html>.

Yelena Duterte, Opinion: Spare US Troops: Consider the Human Cost of War, The Messenger (November 11, 2023), <https://themessenger.com/opinion/us-troops-human-cost-of-war-gaza-israel-hamas-ptsd-veterans>.

Yelena Duterte, Opinion: Veterans deserve a free education, no matter their discharge status, Chicago Sun-Times (September 29, 2023), <https://chicago.suntimes.com/2023/9/29/23894829/veterans-less-than-honorable-discharge-free-education-illinois-colleges-yelena-duterte-uic-op-ed>.

Yelena Duterte, Opinion: Readers respond: Don’t touch veterans’ disability benefits, Washington Post (April 6, 2023), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2023/04/06/veterans-disability-benefits-earned-compensation/>.

Yelena Duterte, In veterans’ benefits case, court says Congress chose a firm rule over a flexible standard, SCOTUSblog (Jan. 23, 2023, 2:24 PM), <https://www.scotusblog.com/2023/01/in-veterans-benefits-case-court-says-congress-chose-a-firm-rule-over-a-flexible-standard/>.

Yelena Duterte, Does it walk and quack like a statute of limitations? Justices consider whether equitable tolling is available to veterans, SCOTUSblog (Oct. 5, 2022, 8:20 PM), <https://www.scotusblog.com/2022/10/does-it-walk-and-quack-like-a-statute-of-limitations-justices-consider-whether-equitable-tolling-is-available-to-veterans/>.

Yelena Duterte, Justices will consider equitable tolling for a veteran suffering from PTSD, SCOTUSblog (Oct. 3, 2022, 9:17 AM), <https://www.scotusblog.com/2022/10/justices-will-consider-equitable-tolling-for-a-veteran-suffering-from-ptsd/>.

### **Recent Speaking Engagements**

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- Works in Progress, AALS Clinical Conference, (May 5, 2024)

- Serving Those Who Served: Supporting Your Veteran Client & Their Access to Benefits, Public Interest Law Initiative, (November 10, 2023)
- Federal Circuit Symposium, American University Law Review, (October 20, 2023)
- Veterans Clinic Working Group Facilitator, AALS Clinical Conference, (April 27-30, 2023)
- Veteran Intercepts in the Criminal Justice System Webinar Series: Intercepts 0-1, NICIC (February 8, 2023)
- Lunch & Learn: Discharge Upgrades, Bob Woodruff Foundation (June 23, 2022)
- Law School Clinic Best Practices, NLSVCC (June 23-24, 2022)
- Sexism, Racism, and the VA Benefits System, 13th Annual Veterans Legal Assistance Conference & Training. Baltimore, Maryland. University of Baltimore School of Law, Bob Parsons Veterans Advocacy Clinic, (June 17, 2022)
- VA Accreditation Webinar: VA Procedure and Appellate Rights, Legal Aid Chicago, (April 25, 2022)
- Legal Trends, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Fifteenth Judicial Conference, (April 7-8, 2022)
- Implicit Bias, NLSVCC, (March 11, 2021)
- Discharge Upgrade Advocacy Training, Perkins Coie, (May 14, 2020)
- Best Practices in Remote Learning, NLSVCC, (May 13, 2020)
- Federal Circuit Symposium, American University Law Review, (November 1, 2019)
- Discharge Upgrade Case Training, Morgan Lewis, (October 29, 2019)
- Decoding the Military and VA to Help Your Clients with VA Claims, LAWNY, (May 29, 2019)
- Serving Those Who Served: Helping Vets Access VA Benefits, Onondaga County Bar Association, (May 23, 2019)
- Discharge Updates: Practicing Before Various Military Boards, Onondaga County Bar Association, (April 26, 2019)
- Other Frontiers of State and Federal Advocacy: Litigation, Legislative Advocacy, Rulemaking, Alexander Blewett III School of Law University of Montana, (March 21, 2019)
- Serving Veterans: Practicing at the VA Regional Office, LAWNY, (November 15, 2018)
- VA's Duty to Maximize, National Organization for Veteran Advocates, NOVA, (October 18, 2018)
- VBMS and VA Intranet, National Law School Veterans Clinic Consortium, NLSVCC, (February 28, 2018)
- Serving Those Who Served: Helping Vets Access VA Benefits, LAWNY (June 2, 2017)
- Webinar: Representing Service Members and Veterans, American Bar Association (November 21, 2016)
- Ethics: Video Vignettes and Discussion of Ethical Issues in Veterans Law, United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Conference (April 15, 2016)

## **Academic and Leadership Positions**

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The OpEd Project <i>Public Voices Fellow</i>	2023-2024
University of Illinois Chicago Senate <i>Senator</i>	Fall 2022- Present
University of Illinois Chicago Honors College <i>Honors Faculty Fellow</i>	2022 - Present
National Law School Veterans Legal Clinic Consortium <i>Board Member &amp; Past President</i>	2017-2021
Syracuse University Senate <i>Senator, Services to the Faculty and Staff Committee</i>	2018- 2019
New York State Discharge Upgrade Advisory Board <i>Board Member</i>	2018-2019
National Veterans Law Moot Court Competition <i>Coach</i>	2013-2018; 2021

## **Additional Honors & Award**

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NLSVCC's Dave Myers Award	2022
ABA Military Pro Bono Project Outstanding Services Award	2013