



Veterans Legal Services Announces Transition of Chairman of the Board of Directors

***Timothy J. McLaughlin Passes the Torch to Harvard University Lawyer and
Former Marine Corps Captain Allan Ryan***

Boston, MA (Monday, June 20, 2016) – Veterans Legal Services (VLS), the primary provider of free legal services to low-income veterans in the Greater Boston area, announced a transition of board leadership during a reception at the University of Massachusetts Club on June 15, 2016. Allan A. Ryan, a former captain in the United States Marine Corps and current attorney and law school professor assumed the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors, succeeding Timothy J. McLaughlin.

Allan A. Ryan, a native of Cambridge, graduated from Dartmouth College and the University of Minnesota Law School. He was a law clerk to Justice Byron R. White on the Supreme Court of the United States, and later served as a captain in the Marine Corps, and as Assistant to the Solicitor General of the United States and then Director of the Office of Special Investigations, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice. He and his wife, Nancy, returned to Massachusetts in 1985, with their children, Elisabeth and Andrew, and he has been a lawyer at Harvard University since then. He joined the board of Veterans Legal Services in 2014. Allan and Nancy reside in Norwell, Massachusetts.

Ryan's predecessor, Tim McLaughlin, is an associate at Shaheen & Gordon and a former officer in the Marines Corps. McLaughlin's expertise is in maritime law, construction law, and white-collar criminal defense. He has handled pro bono cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and in Massachusetts Superior Court litigating prisoners' rights claims. During his five years as Chairman of the Board, McLaughlin oversaw significant growth in VLS, as the organization expanded in size, resources, and impact. He resides with his wife, Katherine, and their son, Roland, in Concord, New Hampshire.

“In his five years as Chairman, Tim McLaughlin has transformed VLS from a small cadre of dedicated lawyers into the vibrant and expanding organization that it is today,” said Chairman Allan. “Thanks to Tim, and to Anna Richardson and Sarah Roxburgh and our dedicated staff and the past and present members of our board, VLS has become a recognized leader in the Boston

legal community. We will continue to grow as we provide legal services to our veterans. We are honored to serve those who have served our country.”

About Veterans Legal Services:

Veterans Legal Services (VLS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization offering free legal services to low-income veterans in the Boston area. VLS promotes self-sufficiency, financial security and stability for this population by providing comprehensive and accessible legal services. By locating legal clinics at homeless shelters and service centers, VLS reaches those who would likely otherwise go without the help they need. VLS serves approximately 450 veterans per year at the New England Center and Home for Veterans, the Chelsea Soldiers’ Home, Massachusetts Stand Down for Veterans, the Bedford VA Medical Center, the Norfolk County Veterans Treatment Court, and other community events for veterans and deploying and returning troops.

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