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Introducing the New Operation Veterans Re-Entry Team

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In our continuing efforts to assist those who courageously served our nation, the Public Law Center (PLC) recently formed a new Operation Veterans Re-Entry legal team. The unit is co-led by two of PLC's Lead

Attorneys, **Leigh Ferrin** and **Lili Vo Graham**. **Leigh** brings over six years of public interest experience to the unit and, as head of PLC's Consumer Law and Bankruptcy Unit, her legal expertise will greatly benefit our veteran clients. You met Lili in last month's *Pro Bono Matters* as the lead attorney for the Housing and Homelessness Prevention unit.

PLC also welcomes three new AmeriCorps Legal Fellows to the unit:

Amanda Pertusati is a graduate of University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, where she represented disabled veterans before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims as a member of the Veterans Law Appellate Clinic.

Brooke Weitzman is a graduate of UC Irvine School of Law and is returning to PLC after having been a former PLC law clerk.

Tiffany Nocon is a graduate of USC Gould Law School, where she was a student supervisor of the Post-Conviction Justice Project.

All three young attorneys recently traveled to Washington, DC to attend a Leadership Development Training hosted by fellowship sponsor and longtime PLC supporter, Equal Justice Works.

Thank you to the **Orange County Bar Association Commercial Law & Bankruptcy Section** for your ongoing support of PLC's **Bankruptcy Clinic**. Under the leadership of Chair **Richard Marshack** and Immediate Past Chair **Kelly Zinser**, the Section raised a record-shattering **\$45,000** this year to support PLC.

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Operation Veteran's Re-Entry provides Orange County veterans and their families with free legal assistance to facilitate their re-entry into civilian life, including those who are homeless.

Captain Matthew Patrick Manoukian, United States Marine Corps, 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion, lived by the motto: "Never above you. Never below you. Always beside you." [Click here](#) to learn more about the man to whom PLC's Operation Veteran's Re-Entry is dedicated.

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