

About the Faculty

ANNA SCHLEELEIN RICHARDSON is a graduate of Boston College and Boston University Law School and is the-Executive Director & Chief Counsel of Veterans Legal Services. Anna Richardson became co-executive director and chief counsel at VLS in 2010, after previously serving as a staff attorney. In 2019, she was named co-Lawyer of the Year by the Frank J. Murray Inn of Court and was also a *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* "Top Women in the Law" honoree. In addition to her legal work at VLS, Anna has led trainings on veterans' legal issues for the Boston Bar Association, the Legal Advocacy and Resource Center, and various legal services agencies throughout Massachusetts.

She currently serves on the board of the Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee, appointed by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and also serves on the Massachusetts Bar Association Family Law Committee. (June 2024)

PATRICK GEORGE is the Director of Veterans' Services for the City of Watertown. He was the President of the Massachusetts Veterans' Service Officers Association—the state-wide organization of veterans' services officers—from 2022-2024. Patrick has served in interim capacities in the City: as Temporary Town Clerk and Acting Director of Senior Services. Prior to Patrick's time in Watertown, he worked as a Policy Analyst in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Patrick is a Marine Corps Veteran; he was stationed in Hawaii and deployed two times to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

DANA MONTALTO is the Associate Director of the Veterans Legal Clinic at the Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School and a Lecturer-on-Law at Harvard Law School. She represents veterans and their family members in accessing state and federal veterans benefits programs and advocates for veterans who unjustly received less-than-honorable discharges in seeking military discharge upgrades. Dana founded the Veterans Justice Pro Bono Partnership, which connects veterans who wrongfully received less-than-honorable discharges with pro bono attorneys seeking to give back to those who served. She is an Author and Co-Editor of the Military Discharge Upgrade Legal Practice Manual and she co-authored *With Malice Toward None: Revisiting the Historical & Legal Basis for Excluding Veterans from "Veteran" Services*, 122 Penn. St. L. Rev. 69 (2017). Dana received her bachelor's degree, magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, from Wellesley College and her law degree from Yale Law School, where she participated in the Veterans Legal Services Clinic and the International Refugee Assistance Project. She joined the Legal Services Center in 2014 as an Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellow after completing a clerkship for the Honorable F. Dennis Saylor IV of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts. (March 2025)

DANIEL NAGIN teaches at Harvard Law School, where he is clinical professor of law, vice dean for experiential and clinical education, and faculty director of the WilmerHale Legal Services Center. He is also faculty director of the Legal Service Center's Veterans Legal Clinic, which he founded in 2012. He focuses his teaching and research on clinical education, social welfare law,

veterans' law, and legal services. He has published in scholarly journals on the law and policy of veterans' benefits and litigates veterans' benefits cases as a clinical supervisor. His current public service activities include serving on the Massachusetts VA community engagement board, the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims judicial advisory committee, and the executive committee of the section on poverty law of the American Association of Law Schools. Mr. Nagin received the 2016 John G. Brooks Legal Services Award from the Boston Bar Association. He holds a B.A. in history and government, Phi Beta Kappa and with distinction in all subjects, from Cornell University, an M.A. from Stanford University, and a J.D., with honors, from the University of Chicago Law School. (May 2021)

FRANKLIN SCHWARZER is a United States Marine Corps veteran, having served on active duty in support of operations throughout the Mediterranean and in the former Yugoslavia. Before joining VLS, Franklin was an attorney at Schlesinger and Buchbinder, LLP in Newton where he concentrated in real estate and land use law. He has extensive experience representing clients in court and before administrative boards and commissions. Franklin received his BA from Johns Hopkins University and his JD from Boston College Law School. He is a longtime instructor at Harvard Extension and Summer Schools where he teaches courses on professional writing, on the First Amendment, and on the Law of War.