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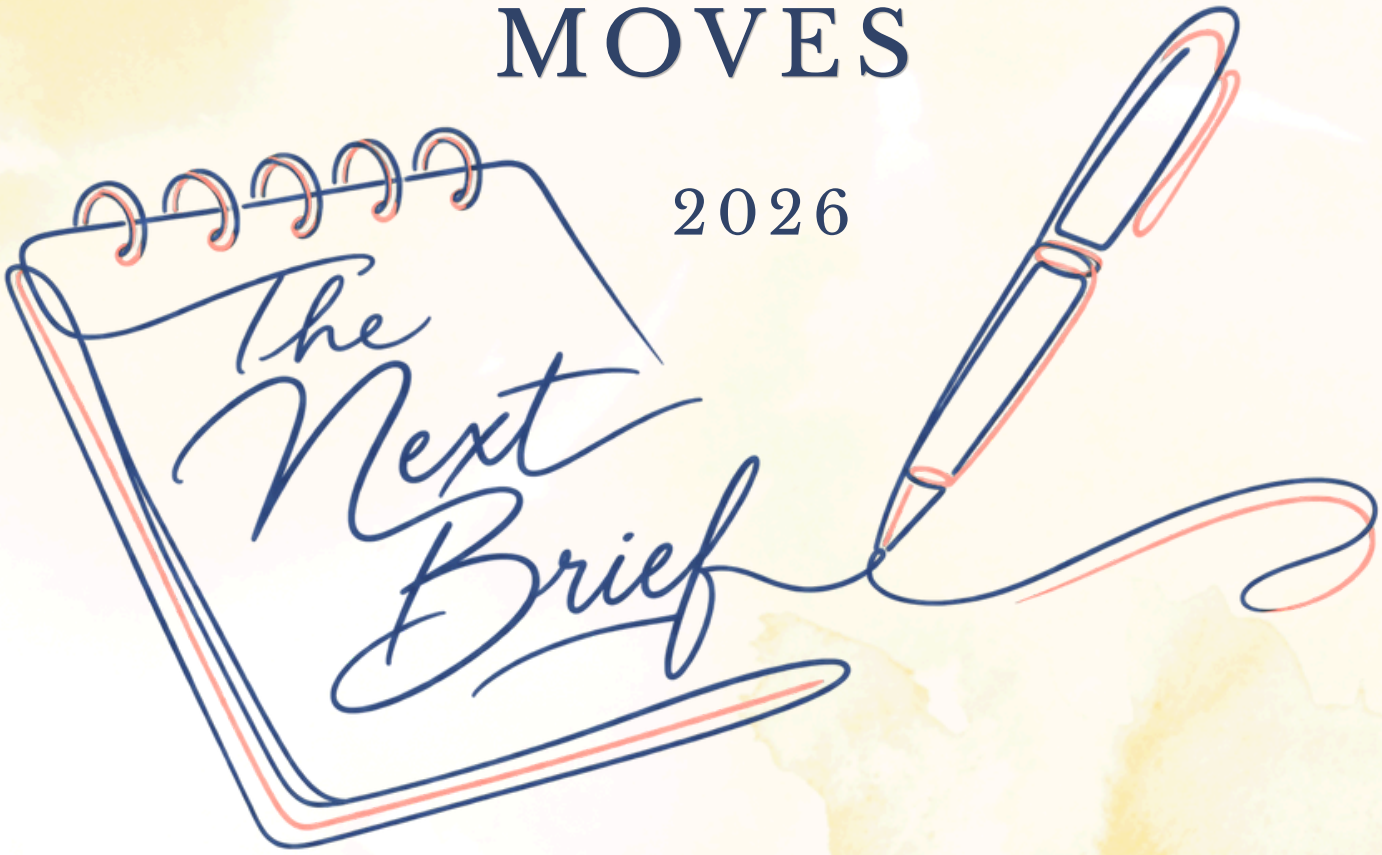

Writing the Next Chapter of Your Legal Career

Friday, October 2nd 2026 in San Diego, CA

Start Time	End Time	Activity
9:00 AM	9:30 AM	**Networking Breakfast and Headshots** Headshots provided by Marisa Glaser
10:00 AM	12:00 PM*	**Leave for Courthouse** Judge Sammartino's Chambers *Times may change due to Court Schedule. During the morning, all East Coast MRM's afternoon will be live-streaming at the Klinedinst PC office. Attendees may forgo the courthouse and participate in the livestream.
12:00 PM	12:45 PM	**Attorney Wellness (Livestreamed)** Paul Jacobs, Texas Lawyers Assistance Program **Lunch** Lunch provided by Klinedinst PC
1:00 PM	1:45 PM	**The Balancing Act: Legal Career, Local Advocacy, Military Spousehood** Alexia Palacios-Peters, Attorney, Singleton Schreiber, and Coronado Unified School District Governing School Board Member
2:00 PM	2:45 PM	**Employment Journeys Practice Roundtable** Sam Park, Deputy City Attorney, San Diego City Attorney's Office Lisa Cho, Associate Counsel for the Defense Contract Management Agency
3:00 PM	3:45 PM	**Resume Review and Best Practices Roundtable Discussion** Alison M. Brown, Ph.D., J.D., Erin Austion and Meredith Levin, Veterans Legal Clinic, University of San Diego School of Law
4:00 PM	7:30PM	**Networking Happy Hour!** World Famous I Bar, Quentin Roosevelt Blvd, Coronado, CA 92118

Thank you to our hosts:

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San Diego CA 92101

Alexia Palacios-Peters,

The Balancing Act: Legal Career, Local Advocacy, Military Spousehood

Alexia Palacios-Peters is an Attorney with Singleton Schreiber in San Diego, where she represents survivors of sexual assault and human trafficking. Her legal career has included family law, immigration law, veterans' advocacy, and service with the federal Board of Veterans' Appeals, where she adjudicated veterans' appeals.

A former educator, Alexia holds a bachelor's degree in Applied Learning and Development from the University of Texas at Austin, a J.D. from California Western School of Law, and an LL.M. in International and Comparative Law from George Washington University Law School. She is admitted to practice in California and Texas and before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Alexia has also served her community as a Trustee of the Coronado Unified School District governing board since 2022 and has been actively involved in issues affecting military-connected students and families. She lives in Coronado with her husband and three children.

Sam Park

Employment Journeys Roundtable

Sam Park serves as a Deputy City Attorney with the San Diego City Attorney's Office, bringing experience in both criminal prosecution and civil work. Her public service career includes prior roles as a Deputy District Attorney with the Imperial County District Attorney's Office and as a civilian attorney with the U.S. Army Office of Soldiers' Counsel, where she represented injured service members. As a military spouse of twenty-five years, she understands firsthand the professional challenges faced by military spouse attorneys, including licensing barriers, maintaining career continuity, and advancing within the legal profession.

Lisa Cho

Employment Journeys Roundtable

Lisa Marie Cho is an attorney with the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), where she serves in the agency's Office of Counsel. A California-licensed attorney and active member of the military-connected legal community, Lisa brings firsthand experience building a legal career in federal service. At Making the Right Moves, she will share perspective on working as a government attorney, navigating a nontraditional legal career path, and opportunities available to military-connected legal professionals beyond private practice.

Alison M. Brown, Ph.D., J.D.

Resume and Interview Best Practices Roundtable

Alison “Ali” Brown is a Professor of Practice and Managing Attorney of the Veterans Legal Clinic at the University of San Diego School of Law, where she provides pro bono legal services to low-income, indigent, and homeless veterans and their families. Her practice focuses on veterans’ law, including representing veterans affected by PTSD and Military Sexual Trauma before the Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Ali joined the Veterans Legal Clinic in 2017 after practicing child welfare law with the Dependency Legal Group of San Diego and workers’ compensation defense. In addition to her clinical work, she teaches courses in ethics and critical thinking and lectures in San Diego State University’s Philosophy Department. She holds a J.D. from the University of San Diego, as well as an M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy from Florida State University. She is a member of the Military Spouse JD Network and an advocate for licensing accommodations for military spouses.

Eric Austin

Resume and Interview Best Practices Roundtable

Eric Austin is an attorney, educator, and clinical legal services leader at the University of San Diego School of Law, where he serves as Interim Academic Director for the school's Legal Clinics and directs the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic. He also teaches in USD's Entrepreneurship Clinic and brings extensive experience working with law students and emerging attorneys as they develop their professional skills. At Making the Right Moves, Eric will share practical insight into presenting your experience effectively, strengthening your résumé, and preparing for successful legal interviews.

Thank You.

This Event Would Not Be Possible Without You

Making the Right Moves is built on the generosity of people who believe that military-connected legal professionals deserve the opportunity to build meaningful, fulfilling legal careers wherever military life takes them.

To our speakers, panelists, moderators, and MRM Committee volunteers, thank you for sharing your time, experience, insight, and expertise with our community. Your willingness to share what you have learned, open doors for others, and invest in the careers of your fellow military-connected legal professionals is what makes this program and the Military Spouse JD Network special.

And a very special thank you to our MRM Committee member, **Debbie Aston**, who was our boots-on-the-ground partner in California. From sharing her local expertise to helping coordinate the countless details that made this program possible, Debbie was instrumental in bringing Making the Right Moves to San Diego. We truly could not have made this program happen without her dedication, expertise, and willingness to jump in.

A Special Thank You to Klinedinst P.C.

We are especially grateful to Klinedinst P.C. for opening its doors to host Making the Right Moves in San Diego, and for its extraordinary generosity in supporting this event. Their sponsorship made it possible for MSJDN to bring this year's program to life and to offer this experience to our community of military-connected legal professionals.

With Much Gratitude, Thank You to:

Our Speakers & Panelists
Thank you for sharing your expertise and your stories.

Our MRM Committee Volunteers
Thank you for the countless hours, ideas, emails, logistics, and behind-the-scenes work that brought this event to life.

Klinedinst P.C.
Thank you for your generous hospitality and continued partnership.

Marisa Glaser Photography
Thank you for helping our attendees put their best face forward with professional headshots.

And to every attendee:
Thank you for showing up for one another. Thank you for being part of the MSJDN community and for helping us make the next move together.