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Mr. Louis J. George is Special Counsel to NVLSP, and focuses on matters at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC) and Training. He began his previous tenure at NVLSP in 1998, serving as a Staff Attorney and Senior Staff Attorney before being named Director of Training and Publications, a position he held from 2013 to 2015.

While a member of NVLSP's litigation staff, he represented veterans and dependents before the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Board of Veterans' Appeals, the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and other federal courts. He also trained and mentored attorneys participating in NVLSP's Lawyers Serving Warriors[®] Program. He was also a co-author and co-editor of The *Veterans Benefits Manual*.

Most recently, Mr. George served as an Attorney for the Office of the General Counsel at the Social Security Administration in Boston, MA. His exceptional work garnered him numerous accolades including Exemplary Contribution or Service Award, Excellence-in-Service Award and Recognition of Contribution Performance Awards.

Mr. George has a long history of public service and defending veterans rights. From 1996 to 1998 he worked as an associate counsel with the Board of Veterans' Appeals, where he wrote decisions regarding entitlement to veterans benefits for review by members of the Board. From 1992 to 1996, he served as a staff attorney with the Massachusetts Highway Department, Central Artery/Tunnel Project, in Boston. During law school, he worked as a law clerk with the Board for Correction of Military Records of the Coast Guard, where he researched and wrote decisions regarding requests for discharge upgrades and other claims involving such issues as promotions, separations, and disability retirements.

Mr. George is admitted to the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (1992) and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (1994). He is also admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and several other federal courts. He is accredited by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Mr. George was President of the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Bar Association. He was a member of the Rules Advisory Committee of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. From 2012 to 2015 he served on the Section Council of the Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice of the American Bar Association, having previously served as Co-Chair of the Veterans Affairs Committee of the Section. He later served as Assistant Budget Officer and Budget Officer of the Section.

A native of Danvers, Massachusetts, Mr. George is a graduate of Salem State University (B.S., summa cum laude, 1989) and Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 1992). He and his wife, Ellen Dempsey, live in Danvers, where he is active in local and community affairs.