

**Tuesday, 21 June 2016 (1000)**

United States v. Ellis

**Before Panel 3 of the Court:      Senior Judge Palmer  
   Judge Marks  
   Judge Fulton**

**For Appellant:    LT Christopher McMahon, JAGC, USN**

**For Appellee:    LCDR Jeremy Brooks, JAGC, USN  
                         Maj Suzanne Dempsey, USMC**

A panel of members with enlisted representation sitting as general court-martial convicted the appellant, contrary to his pleas, of two specifications of rape, two specifications of sexual assault, three specifications of abusive sexual contact, and three specifications of assault consummated by a battery, in violation of Articles 120 and 128, UCMJ, 10 U.S.C. §§ 920, 928 (2012). The members sentenced appellant to two years' confinement, reduction to pay grade E-1, and a dishonorable discharge. The convening authority approved the sentence as adjudged and, except for the punitive discharge, ordered it executed.

The issue to be argued before this Court is as follows:

- I.    WHETHER THE MILITARY JUDGE ERRED IN DENYING  
      THE APPELLANT HIS RIGHT TO CONFRONT HIS  
      ACCUSERS ABOUT VICTIM/VICTIM ADVOCATE  
      DISCUSSIONS PURSUANT TO THE SIXTH AMENDMENT,  
      U.S. CONST., M.R.E. 608(C) AND M.R.E.  
      514(D) (3) .**