

## **Biography of Deirdre Parke Holleman, Esq.**

Executive Director  
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Deirdre Parke Holleman, Esq. is the Executive Director of The Retired Enlisted Association. She is also the Co-Director of the National Military and Veterans Alliance (NMVA) and the Co-Chairman of The Military Coalition's (TMC) Survivors Committee. In all three capacities and as a member of TMC's Health Care Committee Mrs. Holleman focuses on healthcare, financial and benefit matters for the Military's retirees, the active duty, the National Guard and Reserves and all their families and survivors.

Prior to joining TREA Mrs. Holleman was the Washington Liaison for The Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. There she represented the concerns of active duty widows and widows of Military members who die of service connected disabilities Before Congress, the Department of Defense, the Department of Veteran Affairs and other Veteran Service Organizations.

Mrs. Holleman is an attorney licensed to practice in the State of New York and before all Federal Courts. She argued many cases before all the Appellate Courts of New York including the New York Court of Appeals, the highest appellate court in the state. She successfully argued **In the Matter of Marie B.**, a case that struck down a New York statute as unconstitutional. For years she was a civil trial attorney in New York primarily handling Domestic, Family and Juvenile cases. She was the Associate Director of The Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York, Inc. This charity represents people who cannot afford to hire counsel in civil matters over nine counties in Upstate New York. She has a B.A. in History and Journalism from George Washington University and a J.D. from Vanderbilt University School of Law.

She lives in Rosslyn Virginia with her husband Christopher Holleman, an Administrative Judge for the Small Business Administration.