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In order to further improve the lines of communication and to respond to the concerns between the National VA Council and you our members, I have established a National VA Council Briefing. This NVAC Briefing will bring you the latest news and developments within DVA and provide you with the current status of issues this Council is currently addressing. I believe that this NVAC Briefing will greatly enhance the way in which we communicate and the way in which we share new information, keeping you better informed.

Alma L. Lee
National VA Council, President

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**In This Briefing: New NVAC attorneys and how to contact them**  
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I am pleased to announce that two new attorneys have started this week working on behalf of our VA members. Shalonda Miller has previous experience working at AFGE Local 1923 for several years prior to joining NVAC. Thomas Dargon joins us from Connecticut working at a plaintiff side firm and with a labor background. Welcome to them both!

Both Shalonda and Thomas are working out of the AFGE General Counsel's Office as Staff Counsel. As previously announced, AFGE Deputy General Counsel Cathie McQuiston will supervise Shalonda and Thomas and function as the NVAC Managing Attorney.

James Alsup no longer works for the NVAC and we thank him for his service and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Any questions or requests for assistance to the attorneys from Local officers should be sent to the email nvacattorney@afge.org and one of the attorneys will respond to you.

Please join me welcoming Shalonda and Thomas to NVAC!

