Appendix: Survey Instrument

1. Please select the job title that most closely represents your professional role:
   - VTC Coordinator/Director
   - Defense Attorney
   - Prosecuting Attorney
   - None of the above (exit survey)

Survey for VTC Coordinators/Directors

2. Please select which of the following best classifies the geographic area of your VTC:
   - Urban
   - Rural
   - Mixed urban and rural
   - I don’t know

3. Please select which of the following best describes your VTC:
   - A track within a mental health court/docket
   - A track within a drug court/docket
   - Its own separate court/docket
   - Other: ________________

4. Please select which of the following best describes your VTC:
   - Serves one county only
   - Serves two or more counties as part of a multi-jurisdictional circuit
   - I don’t know
   - Other: ________________

5. Please select which of the following best describes YOUR military experience:
   - Military experience
   - Military with combat experience
   - No military experience

6. Please select which of the following best describes the military experience of your VTC judge. If your VTC has more than one judge, please indicate the military experience of each judge in the “Other” text box:
   - Military experience
   - Military with combat experience
   - No military experience
   - I don’t know
   - Other: ________________

7. Please indicate the offense type(s) accepted by your VTC (select all that apply):
   - Some misdemeanors
   - All misdemeanors
8. Please indicate the eligibility requirements for participants used by your VTC (select all that apply):

- [ ] Some felonies
- [ ] All felonies
- [ ] Other/clarify: __________________

9. Please indicate the approximate percentage, in your estimation, of VTC-eligible veteran offenders that decline participation in your VTC:

- [ ] 0%
- [ ] 1-10%
- [ ] 11-20%
- [ ] 21-30%
- [ ] 31-40%
- [ ] 41-50%
- [ ] 51-60%
- [ ] 61-70%
- [ ] 71-80%
- [ ] 81-90%
- [ ] 91-100%
- [ ] I don’t know

10. What reasons have VTC-eligible veteran offenders offered as to why they do not wish to participate in your VTC? Please list all known reasons:

   __________________

11. In your professional opinion, what are the reasons why VTC-eligible veteran offenders opt out of participation in your VTC? Please list all the reasons you believe are responsible for non-participation:

   __________________

12. Some studies suggest that veteran offenders experience difficulty reconciling their veteran and criminal identities. What relationship, if any, do you see between this conflict of identities and the decision to opt out of VTC?

   - [ ] No relationship
     Please explain your response: __________________
   - [ ] Weak relationship
     Please explain your response: __________________
   - [ ] Strong relationship
     Please explain your response: __________________
   - [ ] I don’t know
13. What changes to your VTC do you believe would result in increased participation? Please provide an explanation for each proposed change:

☐ __________________

Survey for Defense Attorneys

1. Do you have experience representing military veteran defendants?

☐ Yes (continue to question #2)
☐ No (exit survey)
☐ I don’t know (exit survey)

2. Please select which of the following best classifies the geographic area of the VTC in your jurisdiction:

☐ Urban
☐ Rural
☐ Mixed urban and rural
☐ I don’t know

3. Please select which of the following best describes the VTC in your jurisdiction:

☐ A track within a mental health court/docket
☐ A track within a drug court/docket
☐ Its own separate court/docket
☐ I don’t know
☐ Other: __________________

4. Please select which of the following best describes the VTC in your jurisdiction:

☐ Serves one county only
☐ Serves two or more counties as part of a multi-jurisdictional circuit
☐ I don’t know
☐ Other: __________________

5. Please indicate the offense type(s) accepted by the VTC in your jurisdiction (select all that apply):

☐ Some misdemeanors
☐ All misdemeanors
☐ Some felonies
☐ All felonies
☐ I don’t know
☐ Other/clarify: __________________

6. Please indicate the eligibility requirements for participants used by the VTC in your jurisdiction (select all that apply):

☐ Honorable discharge

☐ Other: __________________
Combat experience  
A nexus between current charge and military service  
No prior violent convictions  
Veteran had to be in prior treatment  
Veteran could not be in prior treatment  
I don’t know  
Other eligibility criteria: __________________

7. Please indicate the approximate percentage of VTC-eligible veteran defendants you have represented that decline participation in VTC:

0%  
1-10%  
11-20%  
21-30%  
31-40%  
41-50%  
51-60%  
61-70%  
71-80%  
81-90%  
91-100%  
I don’t know

8. What reasons have VTC-eligible veteran defendants offered as to why they do not wish to participate in VTC? Please list all known reasons:

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9. In your professional opinion, what are the reasons why VTC-eligible veteran defendants opt out of participation in VTC? Please list all the reasons you believe are responsible for non-participation:

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10. Some studies suggest that veteran offenders experience difficulty reconciling their veteran and criminal identities. What relationship, if any, do you see between this conflict of identities and the decision to opt out of VTC?

No relationship  
Weak relationship  
Strong relationship  
I don’t know  
Other: __________________

11. What changes to the VTC in your jurisdiction do you believe would result in increased participation? Please provide an explanation for each proposed change:

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Survey for Prosecuting Attorneys

1. Do you have experience prosecuting military veteran defendants?
   - Yes (continue to question #2)
   - No (exit survey)
   - I don’t know (exit survey)

2. Please select which of the following best classifies the geographic area of the VTC in your jurisdiction:
   - Urban
   - Rural
   - Mixed urban and rural
   - I don’t know

3. Please select which of the following best describes the VTC in your jurisdiction:
   - A track within a mental health court/docket
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   - I don’t know
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4. Please select which of the following best describes the VTC in your jurisdiction:
   - Serves one county only
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   - I don’t know
   - Other: __________________

5. Please indicate the offense type(s) accepted by the VTC in your jurisdiction (select all that apply):
   - Some misdemeanors
   - All misdemeanors
   - Some felonies
   - All felonies
   - I don’t know
   - Other/clarify: __________________

6. Please indicate the eligibility requirements for participants used by the VTC in your jurisdiction (select all that apply):
   - Honorable discharge
   - Combat experience
   - A nexus between current charge and military service
   - No prior violent convictions
   - Veteran had to be in prior treatment
   - Veteran could not be in prior treatment
   - I don’t know
□ Other eligibility criteria: __________________

7. Please indicate the approximate percentage of veteran defendants your office encounters that decline participation in VTC:
□ 0%
□ 1-10%
□ 11-20%
□ 21-30%
□ 31-40%
□ 41-50%
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□ 61-70%
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8. What reasons have VTC-eligible veteran defendants offered as to why they do not wish to participate in VTC? Please list all known reasons:
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