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**POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER
IN THE CANADIAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

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The purpose of the present article is to explore the current impact of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) on criminal case law in Canada. A systematic review of case law was conducted using an electronic legal database and 29 documents were identified comprising reasons for judgment or reasons for sentencing at the Provincial, Provincial Superior and Appeal Court levels. Descriptive analysis of these 29 documents revealed emerging trends in: (a) the context in which PTSD tends to be raised during criminal proceedings, (b) the role that experts tend to play in criminal proceedings involving PTSD, and (c) the judicial responses to PTSD when it is raised in criminal proceedings. The article concludes with a discussion of implications for forensic experts working in the field.

VETERAN SUICIDE, WAR TRAUMA AND MORAL INJURY

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Moral injury and PTSD play a significant role in veteran suicidality. However, this has only recently been acknowledged by society and the military as the rate of suicides in the veteran and service member communities has reached incredible levels over the past decade. In this article, we interpret the definition of moral injury, and the interconnectedness between inherent moral conflicts and mental illness, such as PTSD. We discuss our approach to suicidal veterans and propose a 12-step process of self-healing for veterans with moral injury and PTSD.

**COMMENTARY: EVIDENCE OBTAINED BY
“CONDUCT THAT SHOCKS THE CONSCIENCE”**

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