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**MANLY, STEWART & FINALDI ANNOUNCE \$1,750,000 SETTLEMENT IN JOHN BB DOE VS. ARMY  
and NAVY ACADEMY ALLEGED CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE**

**Irvine, California** – Attorneys representing John BB Doe, a former student at the Army and Navy Academy in Carlsbad, California, announced a \$1,750,000 settlement in an alleged sexual assault case.

This civil suit alleged that Jeff Barton, former headmaster of the Army and Navy Academy, sexually assaulted and molested John BB Doe, a student and a minor. The lawsuit alleged that in May of 1999, Barton drugged John BB Doe and sodomized him in a bathroom on campus.

“This settlement represents additional evidence of the dark history of sexual abuse that has existed at the Army and Navy Academy for many years. It is time for this institution to end its culture of abuse, protect the children entrusted to its care and stop defending the abusers in their employ,” said attorney and victim’s advocate Vince Finaldi.

Jeffrey Barton, who served as Army and Navy Academy Headmaster at the time of the alleged sexual assaults, was himself found guilty on six felony counts of forced sex with a minor on June 5, 2017. He was sentenced to 48 years in prison.

Manly, Stewart & Finaldi also represented Delco Hunter Hagan in a 2017 civil suit against the Army and Navy Academy. The suit alleged that Juan Munoz, who was employed by the Army and Navy Academy to “run its military programs,” sexually assaulted and molested Hagan, a student and a minor. Barton was Headmaster of the school at the time the alleged assaults took place. The jury agreed and awarded Hagan \$1,855,000.

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[Manly, Stewart & Finaldi](#) is California’s leading law firm representing child victims of sexual abuse. The firm has represented more than 150 victims of clergy sexual abuse in California and hundreds of others throughout the United States. The firm also represented plaintiffs in the \$140,000,000 settlement against LAUSD in the Miramonte case, the largest sex abuse settlement against a School District in the US. The firm currently represents more than 180 alleged victims of former Michigan State University and U.S. Women’s Gymnastics Olympic Team doctor Larry Nassar. Michigan State University has settled that case for \$500,000,000, this is the largest settlement of any personal injury case against a University.