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BRANDON ESSIG CO-AUTHORS TAMPA BAY TIMES ARTICLE ON MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTEM

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Lightfoot Partner Brandon Essig co-authored a Tampa Bay Times article with Steven Arango, Marine Corps judge advocate and prosecutor at Base Quantico. The article, titled "**The military justice system has problems. Here's how to fix them.,"** explores the disconnect between the federal and military justice systems' resources, funding, staffing and presumed role. Essig sources experience from his years as a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps in addition to his time working in the Department of Justice and as a federal prosecutor.

"At first glance, this issue may seem niche and unimportant. But if we care about national security, or basic notions of fairness and justice for those who secure it, the military justice system should receive as much attention and support as its civilian parallel.," Essig writes. Compared to federal courts, the military justice system is an afterthought."

Essig serves clients in the White Collar Crime, NCAA Compliance and Investigations and Complex Government Litigations and Investigations sectors, among other practice areas. He has worked closely with Fortune 100 companies in complex civil matters in both plaintiff and defendant roles. Essig has been recognized by *Best Lawyers* and *Super Lawyers* publications and named a "Top Attorney" in White Collar Defense by *Birmingham Magazine* in 2020.