National website resources for attorneys providing legal services to veterans

The ABA Veterans Legal Services Initiative recommends the following sites, listed in alphabetical order:



https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_assistance_military_personnel.html

This site provides information about the ABA LAMP Committee, which supports several initiatives to deliver legal assistance and services to servicemembers, veterans, and their families. It also provides links to the ABA's other initiatives to provide training, information, and resources to the attorneys serving this population. These initiatives include ABA Homefront, ABA Military Pro Bono Project, ABA VCAN, Operation Standby and Vetlex.



https://justiceforvets.org/

This site offers training and technical assistance resources for communities and individuals interested in supporting veteran treatment courts.



www.nvlsp.org

The National Veterans Legal Services Program offers training for lawyers and others and free legal representation in discharge upgrade, disability retirement, military sexual trauma, and Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims cases. It also publishes the comprehensive Veterans Benefits Manual and a web application, the NVLSP VA Benefits Identifier, to assist in determining VA benefits to which someone may be entitled.



www.statesidelegal.org

This national clearinghouse site offers a searchable directory of free and low-cost legal service providers for veterans and service members in every State; specialized tool-kits and resources for attorneys and advocates; and user-friendly explanations of the law for military members, veterans, and their families and caregivers.



www.vetsprobono.org/

The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program recruits, trains, mentors, and supports pro bono attorneys nationwide who represent veterans before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims and the Federal Circuit, and before military service Discharge Review Boards.

The following specialized sites may also be useful:

- https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service records: for Proof of Military Service: Official records of military service are needed to prove eligibility for many benefits and legal protections. Veteran service records may be requested by the veteran or their "next of kin," or by an advocate/attorney on their behalf.
- https://scra.dmdc.osd.mil/scra/#/home: for Confirmation of Current Military Service
- https://www.va.gov/ogc/accreditation.asp: to Understand the VA Accreditation Process, required of attorneys who want to represent individuals before the VA.
- https://www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp: Searchable National Database of VA accredited attorneys, claims agents and VSOs (who are listed free of charge).

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