

Legal Services for Veterans in Florida

Shepard Broad Law Center Veterans Law Clinic

<http://www.nsulaw.nova.edu/spotlights/veteranclinic.cfm>

The Shepard Broad Law Center at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) announces the establishment of South Florida's first Veterans Law Clinic. The clinic will be located in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and serve as a much-needed pro bono resource to the thousands of U.S. veterans and military personnel living and working in the tri-county area (Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach counties.)

National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP)

<http://www.nvlsp.org/>

NVLSP is a nonprofit organization that has worked since 1980 to ensure that the government delivers to our nation's 25 million veterans and active duty personnel the benefits to which they are entitled.

Veterans Law Center, Inc.

<http://veteranslawcenter.org/>

P.O. Box 1426
Douglasville, Georgia 30133
305-280-2167

Florida Legal Services, Inc. (FLS)

<http://www.floridalegal.org/>

- Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc.
Ft. Myers (Main Office)
Counties Served: Charlotte, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Lee
- Punta Gorda
Counties Served: Charlotte
- Lee County Legal Aid Society, Inc.
Fort Myers
Counties Served: Lee
- Legal Aid Service of Collier County
Naples
Counties Served: Collier
- Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc.
Sarasota
Counties Served: Sarasota

Legal Services Corporation

<http://www.lsc.gov/about/about-legal-aid/serving-veterans-and-military-families>

Local legal aid offices are gateways for veterans in need of civil legal assistance. Many veterans who served in combat zones are confronting legal problems—such as child custody, employment and homelessness—that are handled on a regular basis by LSC-funded programs. A growing number of these programs are part of established networks with bar association pro bono programs, law school clinics and social services agencies.

Under an initiative begun in 2010, LSC is working to improving access to justice for low-income military veterans and for military families. As part of this initiative, LSC supports StatesideLegal.org, a national Web-based resource developed by Pine Tree Legal Assistance in Maine with a Technology Initiative Grant from LSC. StatesideLegal.org is a free resource for low-income individuals with a military connection, including veterans, current members of the military, and their families. Information available on the website covers such topics as disability benefits, employment and legal protections for service members confronted with foreclosure proceedings.

LSC also began an awareness campaign, reaching out to the Veterans Affairs Department's Readjustment Counseling Service, known as the Vet Center Program, to share information about legal services and to create appropriate referral systems to minimize veterans' frustrations in obtaining advice and representation on civil legal problems.

Legal Services for Veterans in Florida (ABA list)

http://www.americanbar.org/portals/public_resources/aba_home_front/directory_programs/florida.html

Military Legal Assistance Offices:

Eglin AFB

Air Armament Center/JA
501 W. Van Matre Ave. Suite 1
Eglin AFB, FL 32542
Phone: 850-882-4613 DSN 872-4613
<http://www.eglin.af.mil/units/legal/index.asp>

Hurlburt Field

1 SOW/JA
212 Lukasik Ave, Suite 255
Mary Ester, FL 32544
Phone: 850-884-7821, DSN 579-7821

MacDill AFB (*Closest to SWFRPC Region)

6 ARW/JA
8208 Hangar Loop Drive [Bldg 299]
Tampa, FL 33621
Phone: 813-828-4422, DSN 968-4422

Patrick AFB

45 SW/JA

642 OMalley Road
Patrick AFB, FL 32925
Phone: 321-494-7357, DSN 854-7357
<http://legalassistance.law.af.mil/>

Tyndall AFB

325 FW/JA
445 Suwannee Rd. Suite 110
Panama City, FL 32403
Phone: 850-283-4681, DSN 523-4681
<http://www.tyndall.af.mil/325FW/JA/homepage.htm>

USCG Miami

7th District Legal Assistance Office
909 S.E. First Ave. [Brickell Plaza Federal Building]
Miami, FL 33131
Phone: 305-415-6950
http://www.uscg.mil/d7/d7dl/legal_assistance.htm

NAS Jacksonville

NLSO Southeast
Box 107, Bldg 4, Ranger Street
Jacksonville, FL 32212
Phone: 904-542-2565, 942-2565
http://www.jag.navy.mil/html/nlso_southeast.htm

NAS Pensacola

NLSO Central
161 Turner ST Suite B
Pensacola, FL 32508
Phone: 850-452-3730, 794-7644
http://www.jag.navy.mil/legal_services/nlso/nlso_central.htm

NAVSTA Mayport

NLSO SE Detachment Mayport
Box 280017
Mayport, FL 32228
Phone: 904-270-5445, 960-5445
http://www.jag.navy.mil/html/nlso_southeast.htm

Legal Aid and Pro Bono Programs:

Bay Area Legal Services, Inc. Volunteer Lawyers Program

829 W Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, 200
Tampa, FL 33603-3331
Phone: 813-232-1343
Fax: 813-232-1403
<http://www.bals.org>

Intake: 813-232-1343

Counties Served: Hillsborough

Type of Cases Accepted: Bankruptcy, Consumer, Employment Law, Housing, Wills, Probate, Debt Collection, Real Estate, Health, Dissolution, Custody, CED, Adoption

Bay Area Legal Services, Inc., Ryan White Outreach Program

700 E Twiggs St
Tampa, FL 33602
Phone: 813-223-2525
Fax: 813-229-8746

webmaster@bals.org

Counties Served: Hillsborough, Pasco

Type of Cases Accepted: AIDS/HIV

Brevard County Legal Aid, Inc.

1017 Florida Ave S

Rockledge, FL 32955-2143

Phone: 407-631-2500

Fax: 407-633-4822

<http://www.brevardcountylegalaid.org>

Intake: 407-631-2500

Counties Served: Brevard

Type of Cases Accepted: Consumer, Education, Elder Law, Housing, Wills, Domestic Violence, Dissolution, Custody

Catholic Charities Legal Services, Archdiocese Of Miami, Inc.

7101 Biscayne Boulevard

Miami, FL 33138

Phone: 305-758-3301 x201, 202

Fax: 305-756-6435

<http://www.cclsmiami.org>

Counties Served: Broward, Dade, Monroe

Type of Cases Accepted: Housing, Juvenile, Immigration

Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida, Inc.

491 N. State Road 7

Plantation, FL 33317

Office hours: 9am -5pm

Phone: 954-736-2400

www.coasttocoastlegalaid.org

Counties Served: Broward

Intake:

Veteran Advocates Legal Outreach and Representation (VALOR) Project: 954-736-2456

Economic Advocacy and Community Health (EACH) Unit: 954-736-2490

Family Law Unit: 954-358-5644 (Mon-Wed-Fri 9am-12pm)

Senior Citizen Law Project (Age 60 and over): 954-765-8955

Types of Cases Accepted:

VALOR Project: Cash Assistance, Medicaid and Medicaid Reform, Medicare, Food Stamps, Social Security Disability (SSD), Social Security Income (SSI), Unemployment Compensation Benefits, VA Disability Compensation, VA Pension Benefits,

VA Healthcare Benefits, Military Upgrades and Discharge Issues

EACH Unit: Food Stamps, Social Security Disability Benefits, SSI, Unemployment Compensation, Medicaid/Medicare, Temporary Cash Assistance

Family Law: Injunctions for Protection Against Domestic Violence, Divorce/Custody

Senior Citizen Law Project: Health, Housing, Public Benefits, Consumer, Naturalization Project

Community Law Program

501 1st Avenue North, Rm 512

Saint Petersburg, FL 33701

Phone: 727-582-7402

Fax: 727-323-7632

<http://www.lawprogram.org>

Intake: 727-323-7712

Counties Served: Pinellas

Type of Cases Accepted: Bankruptcy, Consumer, Housing, Wills, Real Estate, Domestic Violence, Dissolution, Custody

Community Legal Services Of Mid Florida

1036 West Amelia Street
Orlando, FL 32805
Phone: 407-841-7777

Community Legal Services Of Mid Florida

222 SW Broadway Street
Ocala, FL 34474
Phone: 352-629-0105
Fax: 352-629-6745

Intake: 352-629-3521

Counties Served: Citrus, Hernando, Marion, Sumter

Type of Cases Accepted: Bankruptcy, Consumer, Education, Housing, Real Estate, Health, Domestic Violence, Dissolution, Custody

Cuban American Bar Assoc. Pro Bono Project

3000 Biscayne Blvd
Miami, FL 33137
Phone: 305/573-1106
Fax: 305-576-6273

Intake: 305-573-1106

Counties Served: Miami-Dade

Type of Cases Accepted: Dissolution,

Dade County Put Something Back Pro Bono Project

123 NW 1st Ave
Miami, FL 33128-1895
Phone: 305-579-5733
Fax: 305-372-7693

Intake: 305-579-5733

Counties Served: Dade

Type of Cases Accepted: Bankruptcy, Consumer, Education, Elder Law, Employment Law, Housing, Wills, Torts, Real Estate Juvenile, Immigration, Health, Domestic Violence, Dissolution, Custody, CED, Adoption, AIDS/HIV

Florida Institutional Legal Services

1010-B NW 8 Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32601

Florida Legal Services

126 West Adams Street, 502
Jacksonville, FL 32202
Phone: 904-355-5200

Florida Legal Services

2121 Delta Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32303
Phone: 850-385-7900

<http://www.floridalegal.org>

Counties Served: Statewide

Type of Cases Accepted: FLS coordinates pro bono operations in Florida. FLS is not itself a direct service provider.

Florida Legal Services Resource Development

16057 Tampa Palms Blvd. West #355, 209

Tampa, FL 33647-2001
Phone: 813/558-9029

Florida Legal Services, Inc. Voluntary Pro Bono Attorney Plan

2121 Delta Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
Phone: 850-385-7900
Fax: 850-385-9998

<http://www.floridalegal.org>

barbara@floridalegal.org

Counties Served: Statewide

Type of Cases Accepted: Consumer, Education, Elder Law, Employment Law, Housing, Wills, Income Maintenance, Terminating Parental Rights, Real Estate, Juvenile, Immigration, Health, Domestic Violence, Dissolution, Custody, CED, Adoption

Florida Rural Legal Services

PO Box 1499
Bartow, FL 33831-1499

Florida Rural Legal Services

3210 Cleveland Avenue, 101
Fort Myers, FL 33902
Phone: 239-334-4554
Fax: 239-334-3042

<http://frrls.org>

Intake: 239-334-4554

Counties Served: Charlotte, De Soto, Glades, Hendry, Lee

Type of Cases Accepted: Bankruptcy, Consumer, Education, Elder Law, Employment Law, Housing, Wills, Dissolution

Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc. Volunteer Attorney Project

PO Box 4333, 101
Fort Pierce, FL 34948-4333
Phone: 561-466-4766
Fax: 561-489-3176

Counties Served: Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Saint Lucie

Type of Cases Accepted: Bankruptcy, Consumer, Education, Elder Law, Employment Law, Housing, Wills, Real Estate, Juvenile, Health, Domestic Violence, Dissolution, Custody, CED Adoption, AIDS/HIV

Greater Orlando Area Legal Services

800 North Main Street
Kissimmee, FL 32127
Phone: 407-847-0053

Gulf Coast Legal Services

PO Box 358
Saint Petersburg, FL 33731-0358

Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc.

641 1st St South
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701-5003
Phone: 727-821-0726

Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc.

314 South Missouri Avenue
Ste 109
Clearwater, FL 33756
Phone: 727-443-0657

Fax: 727-461-9160

<http://www.gulfcoastlegal.org>

Intake: 727-443-0657

Counties Served: Pinellas

Type of Cases Accepted: Bankruptcy, Consumer, Education Elder Law, Employment Law, Housing, Other categories on a limited basis, Real Estate, Domestic Violence, CED

Jacksonville Area Legal Aid Public Service Project

126 W Adams St

Jacksonville, FL 32202-3849

Phone: 904-356-8371

Fax: 904-353-5831

Intake: 904-356-8371

Counties Served: Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau

Type of Cases Accepted: Bankruptcy, Consumer, Elder Law, Employment Law, Housing, Wills, Taxation, Zoning, Environmental, Work Comp., Civil Rights, Pension, Trademark, Admiralty, Torts, Terminating Parental Rights, Real Estate, Juvenile, Immigration, Health, Domestic Violence, Dissolution, Custody, CED, Adoption, AIDS/HIV

Lawyers For Children America, Inc.

200 South Biscayne Boulevard, 4000

Miami, FL 33131-2398

Phone: 305-577-4771

<http://www.lawyersforchildrenamerica.org>

FL@lawyersforchildrenamerica.org

Lee County Bar Association, Inc. /Florida Rural Legal Services

PO Box 1387

Fort Myers, FL 33902-1387

Phone: 941-334-0047

Fax: 941-334-0523

Counties Served: Lee

Type of Cases Accepted: Bankruptcy, Terminating Parental Rights, Domestic Violence, Custody

Legal Aid of Manasota, Inc.

1900 Main St, Ste 302

Sarasota, FL 34236-5927

Phone: 941-366-0038

Fax: 941-364-8855

LAMS1234@aol.com

Intake: 941-366-0038

Counties Served: Manatee, Sarasota

Type of Cases Accepted: Bankruptcy, Consumer, Elder Law, Housing, Wills, Real Estate, Domestic Violence, Dissolution, CED, Adoption

Legal Aid Service Of Broward County, Inc.

PO Box 120910

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312

Phone: 954-765-8950

<http://www.legalaid.org>

Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.

423 Fern St

Ste 200

West Palm Beach, FL 33401-5839

Phone: 561-655-8944

Fax: 561-655-5269

<http://www.legalaidpbc.org>

info@legalaidpbc.org

Intake: 561-655-8944

Counties Served: Palm Beach

Type of Cases Accepted: Bankruptcy, Consumer, Education Elder Law, Employment Law, Housing, Wills, Real Estate, Juvenile, Immigration, Domestic Violence, Dissolution, Custody, CED, Adoption

Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Assn, Inc.

100 E Robinson St

Orlando, FL 32801-1602

Phone: 407-841-8310

Fax: 407-648-9240

<http://www.legalaidocba.org>

info@legalaidocba.org

Intake: 407-841-8310

Counties Served: Orange

Type of Cases Accepted: Bankruptcy, Consumer, Education Housing, Wills, Real Estate Juvenile, Immigration, Health, Domestic Violence, Dissolution, Custody, CED, Adoption,

Legal Services of North Florida Private Bar Involvement Program

2119 Delta Blvd

Tallahassee, FL 32303-4220

Phone: 850-385-9007

Fax: 850-385-7603

<http://www.LSNF.ORG>

Intake: 904-385-9007

Counties Served: Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Wakulla, Walton, Washington

Type of Cases Accepted: Bankruptcy, Consumer, Education Elder Law, Employment Law, Housing, Wills, Torts, Terminating Parental Rights, Real Estate, Juvenile, Health, Domestic Violence, Custody, Adoption

Northwest Florida Legal Services

PO Box 1551

Pensacola, FL 32597

Phone: 850-432-2336

Northwest Florida Legal Services, Inc.

701 South J Street

Pensacola, FL 32501

Phone: 850-432-2336

Fax: 850-434-1297

Intake: 850-432-2336

Counties Served: Escambia, Santa Rosa

Type of Cases Accepted: Consumer, Education Elder Law, Employment Law, Housing, Wills, Terminating Parental Rights, Real Estate, Juvenile, Health, Domestic Violence, Dissolution, Custody

Saint Thomas University Human Rights Institute

16400 NW 32nd Ave

Opa Locka, FL 33054

Phone: 305-628-6737

Fax: 305-628-6742

Intake: 305-628-6737

Counties Served: Dade

Type of Cases Accepted: Knowledge is Power Project (KIP) focusd on African Americans who live in district. Immigration

Seminole County Bar Association Legal Aid Society, Inc.

115 Boston Ave, Ste 2100
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701-5901
Phone: 407-834-1660
Fax: 407-834-2080
<http://www.scbalas.com>

Intake: 407-834-1660 x200

Counties Served: Seminole

Type of Cases Accepted: Dissolution, Custody, Adoption

The Legal Aid Foundation of the Tallahassee Bar Assn, Inc.

301 S Monroe St, Ste 443A
Tallahassee, FL 32301-1803
Phone: 850-222-3004
Fax: 850-222-3864

Intake: 850-222-3004

Counties Served: Leon

Type of Cases Accepted: Consumer, Elder Law, Employment Law, Housing, Wills, Real Estate, Immigration, Domestic Violence, Dissolution, Custody, CED, Adoption, AIDS/HIV

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc. Volunteer Attorney Program

901 N. W. 8th Ave, Suite D-5
Gainesville, FL 32601
Phone: 352-372-0519
Fax: 352-375-1631

<http://www.trls.org>

Intake: 800-372-0936

Counties Served: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Nassau, Saint Johns, Suwannee, Taylor, Union

Type of Cases Accepted: Bankruptcy, Consumer, Education, Elder Law, Employment Law, Housing, Wills, Torts, Terminating Parental Rights, Real Estate, Health, Domestic Violence, Dissolution, Custody, CED, Adoption,

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc., VLP

126 W. Adams Street
7th Floor
Jacksonville, FL 32202
Phone: 866-256-8091

<http://www.trls.org>

Intake: 866-256-8091

Counties Served: Clay, Duval, Nassau, Saint Johns

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc., VLP

853 Sisters Welcome Road, PO Drawer 3067
Lake City, FL 32056
Phone: 800-495-0039

<http://www.trls.org>

Intake: 800-495-0039

Counties Served: Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc., VLP

901 N.W. 8th Avenue, D-5
Gainesville, FL 32801
Phone: 800-372-0936
<http://www.trls.org>

Intake: 800-372-0519

Counties Served: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Nassau, Saint Johns, Suwannee, Taylor, Union

Type of Cases Accepted: Consumer, Education, Elder Law, Employment Law, Housing, Wills, Family Law, Probate, Health, Domestic Violence, AIDS/HIV

Volunteer Involvement Project, Affordable Legal Services

PO Box 24688

Lakeland, FL 33802-4688

Phone: 863-688-7376

Fax: 863-683-7861

Intake: 863-688-7376

Counties Served: De Soto, Hardee, Highlands, Polk

Type of Cases Accepted: Bankruptcy, Consumer, Education, Elder Law, Employment Law, Housing, Wills, Real Estate, Juvenile, Health, Domestic Violence, Dissolution, Custody, CED, Adoption, AIDS/HIV

Volunteer Lawyers Project

216 S 6th St

Palatka, FL 32177-4608

Phone: 904-328-8361

Fax: 904/328-4902

Intake: 904-328-8361

Counties Served: Flagler, Saint Johns

Type of Cases Accepted: Bankruptcy, Wills, Real Estate, Domestic Violence, Dissolution, Adoption

Volunteer Lawyers Project For Southern District Of Florida

200 S. Biscayne Blvd.

Suite 2870

Miami, FL 33131

Phone: 305-373-4334

Fax: 305-358-0910

volunteerlawyers@bellsouth.net

Counties Served: Broward, Dade, Highlands, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Monroe, Palm Beach, Saint Lucie

Type of Cases Accepted: Employment Law, Federal Civil, no habeas.

Withlacoochee Area Legal Services

222 SW Broadway Street

Ocala, FL 34474

Phone: 352-629-0105

Counties Served: Marion

Type of Cases Accepted:

Lawyer Referral Programs:

The Florida Bar LRS

651 East Jefferson Street

General Phone No: 850-561-5844

Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

800 Phone: 800-342-8011 (Statewide & Nationwide)

Languages: Spanish, Creole, Russian, Chinese, German, Haitian, Polish, French, Hebrew, Italian, Yiddish

<http://www.floridabar.org/>

Counties Served: Statewide, except for counties with a local LRIS

Types of cases referred: Refers to all areas of the law.

Special Panels: Reduced Fee Panel

Broward County Bar Association LRS

1051 SE 3rd Ave.

General Phone No: 954-764-8040 & 954-764-8310

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316-1107

Languages: Spanish, Creole, Hebrew

<http://www.browardbar.org/referrals.php>

Counties Served: Broward

Types of cases referred: Refers to all areas of the law.

Special Panels: Reduced Fee Panel

Collier County Bar Association LRS

3315 Tamiami Trl E. Ste 505

General Phone No: 239-252-8138

Naples, FL 34112-4961

<http://www.colliercountybar.org>

Counties Served: Collier

Types of cases referred: Refers to all areas of the law.

Jacksonville Bar Association LRS

841 Prudential Dr. Suite 1320

Jacksonville, FL 32207

General Phone No: 904-399-5780

<http://www.jaxbar.org/lawyerreferralservices>

Counties Served: Duval, Clay, St. Johns, Nassau, Baker

Types of cases referred: Refers to all areas of the law.

Escambia/Santa Rosa Bar Association LRS

216 S. Tarragona Street, Suite B

General Phone No: 850-434-6009

Pensacola, FL 32502

<http://www.esrba.com>

Counties Served: Escambia, Santa Rosa

Types of cases referred: Refers to all areas of the law.

Special Panels: Reduced Fee Panel

Hillsborough County Bar Association LRS

1610 N. Tampa Dr.

Tampa, FL 33602

General Phone No: 813-221-7780

Languages: Spanish

<http://www.hillsbar.com/>

Counties Served: Hillsborough

Types of cases referred: Refers to all areas of the law.

Lee County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service

PO Box 1387

General Phone No: 239-334-4491

Fort Myers, FL 33902-1387

<http://www.leebar.org/lr.htm>

Counties Served: Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry

Types of cases referred: Refers to all areas of the law.

Special Panels: Reduced Fee Panel

Tallahassee Bar Association LRS

PO Box 813

Tallahassee, FL 32302

General Phone No: 850-222-3292

<http://www.tallahasseebar.org>

Counties Served: Leon, Jefferson, Wakulla, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin

Types of cases referred: Refers to all areas of the law.

Orange County Bar Association LRS

880 North Orange Avenue

Orlando, FL 32801

General Phone No: 407-422-4537

Languages: Spanish

<http://orangecountybar.org/>

Counties Served: Orange, Osceola, Seminole

Types of cases referred: Refers to all areas of the law.

Special Panels: Reduced Fee Panel

Palm Beach County Bar Association LRIS

1507 Belvedere Rd.

West Palm Beach, FL 33406

General Phone No: 561-687-3266 & 561-451-3256

<http://www.palmbeachbar.org/>

Counties Served: Palm Beach

Types of cases referred: Refers to all areas of the law except: Environmental, Intellectual Property

Clearwater Bar Association LRS

314 S. Missouri Ave., Ste 107

General Phone No: 727-461-4880

Clearwater, FL 33756-5858

<http://www.clearwaterbar.org/>

Counties Served: Pinellas

Types of cases referred: Refers to all areas of the law.

Special Panels: Reduced Fee Panel

St. Petersburg Bar Association LRS

2880 - 1st Avenue North

St. Petersburg, FL 33713-8604

General Phone No: 727-821-5450

Languages: Spanish

<http://www.stpetebar.com/>

Counties Served: Pinellas

Types of cases referred: Refers to all areas of the law except: Securities, International, Intellectual Property

Attorneys' Certified Referral Service

3434 N. Tamiami Trail #926

General Phone No: 941-351-6157

Sarasota, FL 34234

800 Phone: 800-671-7655

<http://www.Attorneyreferralonline.com>

Counties Served: Sarasota, Manatee, Lee, Charlotte, Osceola, Collier, Orange, Seminole, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco and Osceola

Types of cases referred: Refers to all areas of the law.

Military-Specific Programs:

The Florida Bar

651 East Jefferson Street

Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300

850-561-6740

YSherron@flabar.org
Contact: Yvonne Sherron

The Florida Bar has a Military Affairs Committee

The scope and function of the Military Affairs Committee is twofold: first, to gather and disseminate information, share expertise and advise the members of the Bar on all matters relating to the practice of military law in Florida, and second, to have general jurisdiction regarding any problem which may arise relative to the provision of legal services to, for, or by members of the military establishment. Its function shall be to address issues unique to representation of military members and their families in both civil and criminal matters arising within the State of Florida. Further, the committee will consider all possible means of enhancing or increasing the cooperation and communication between the local bar, the legal offices, and the judge advocates of the various military installations within the state.

Cooley Law School Service to Soldiers: Legal Assistance Referral Program in Florida

The Cooley Service to Soldiers Program assists troops who are deploying, deployed, and who are recently returning from deployment who are of E5 rank and below with civilian legal problems they may be facing in Florida. Attorneys from across the state volunteer to represent these military personnel free of charge. The most common requests for help are with family law, estate planning, creditor/debtor, and landlord/tenant issues, but attorneys are available to help in other practice areas as well. The court filing fees are the responsibility of the client, but no legal fees will be charged.

Soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines needing assistance should contact Amy Bandow at bandowa@cooley.edu. Attorneys wishing to join the volunteer roster should contact Amy Bandow at bandowa@cooley.edu.

Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida's (CLSMF) Veterans Advocacy Project is committed to helping low income, elderly or disabled Central Florida military veterans and/or their family with their civil (non criminal) legal needs at no cost. To request assistance, please visit <http://applyforhelp.clsmf.org/> or email veterans@clsmf.org or call our attorney, Shelly Campbell, at (386) 255-6573 x 2441. The Veterans Advocacy project cannot guarantee legal representation, but will work to find an attorney to assist qualified veterans.

Legal Aid of Broward County

Mission United Pro Bono Project
491 North State Road 7
Plantation, FL 33317
Phone: 954-4-UNITED (954-486-4833)
Fax: 954-736-2480

Counties Served: Broward

Type of Cases Accepted: Family Law, Housing, Benefits, Real Estate and Business Transactional Matters, Probate/Wills/Estate, Planning/Advance Directives

Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.

3000 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 500
Miami, FL 33137

The Military Legal Advocacy Project (MLAP) helps low income veterans and their families retain stable housing and avoid becoming homeless by resolving civil legal problems that are a barrier to obtaining and maintaining permanent housing. Some examples of cases handled by the Project include eviction defense, enforcement of laws requiring landlords to provide safe and habitable housing, health care access, consumer and employment law, and advocacy to ensure receipt of a variety of public benefits and other sources of income. To request assistance, please contact (305) 576-0080 or visit us on the web at www.lsgmi.org for more information.

Lawyers for Warriors

<http://lawyersforwarriors.blogspot.com/>

Florida Legal Assistance to Military Personnel (LAMP)

http://lawyersforwarriors.blogspot.com/2009/05/florida-legal-assistance-to-military_21.html

The legal community in Florida provides Legal Assistance to Military Personnel in a variety of ways.

FOR THE WARRIOR COMMUNITY

Active duty service members may wish to go first to Armed Forces Legal Assistance's [online database](#) to "locate active duty legal activities offering general legal services within the continental United States". Here is the [list for the state of Florida](#).

General-Purpose Resources

Servicemembers, veterans and their families are of course eligible to use the same resources as anyone else.

FloridaLawHelp.org is a good, general-purpose place to start looking for law help in Florida.

Private Practice Attorneys

Often, a lawyer in private practice will listen to your situation for 15 or 20 minutes, then give you an idea about how to proceed, in general terms, without charging you. If the matter is something the lawyer can help you with, but must charge for, sometimes you can work out a military-family discount; there are no guarantees however. The [Findlaw](#) website has a city-by-city list of lawyers in Florida who are interested in representing active-duty military personnel, military reservists, and veterans [here](#).

The Florida Bar Association has a [Lawyer Referral Service](#) and a [list of similar services](#) run by local bar associations; each has slightly different referral rules and some may charge a fee.

FOR LAWYERS

The Florida Bar Association has a [Standing Committee on Military Affairs](#)

"The scope and function of the Military Affairs Committee is twofold: first, to gather and disseminate information, share expertise and advise the members of the Bar on all matters relating to the practice of military law in Florida, and second, to have general jurisdiction regarding any problem which may arise relative to the provision of legal services to, for, or by members of the military establishment. Its function shall be to address issues unique to representation of military members and their families in both civil and criminal matters arising within the State of Florida. Further, the committee will consider all possible means of enhancing or increasing the cooperation and communication between the local bar, the legal offices, and the judge advocates of the various military installations within the state.

Florida Bar members who have ever served in the U.S. military are asked to complete a short online questionnaire. Information collected will be used by the Military Affairs Committee to recognize service and tap expertise in program development for lawyers in active service as well as veterans."

It also invites attorneys interested in volunteering for a pro bono project or pro bono service to visit FloridaProBono.org

It is likely that there are other Florida programs, sponsored by local bar associations, law schools, and others. Anyone with more information on these or other programs are invited to contact me; the most convenient way is to add in a comment below. The purpose is service!

Florida's Operation Stand-By Directory

<http://lawyersforwarriors.blogspot.com/2011/04/floridas-operation-stand-by-directory.html>

The Florida Bar Military Affairs Committee maintains an "Operation Stand-By Directory", a resource for military and Department of Defense lawyers stationed in Florida seeking the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of volunteer Florida Bar members who are also members of the military who have volunteered to respond to their military counterparts concerning issues pertaining to Florida Law.

The Operation Stand-By Program is limited to advice on subjects which fall within the scope of legal assistance. If the question which the military lawyer has is outside that area, then the military lawyer should refer their client (military member) to The Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service at 1-800-342-8011 or a Florida Bar-sponsored local bar association lawyer referral service so that they can be referred to a private lawyer.

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Matters which fall within the scope of OPERATION STAND-BY should be handled as follows:

1. Civilian attorneys have indicated the areas of law for which they are willing to give advice. These areas are coded in the listing for each attorney. A key is published in the introductory section. If there is no listing after a particular attorney's name, he or she made no entry on the application.
2. When a registered military attorney has a question concerning a certain area of the law, he or she should call the nearest available civilian attorney who has volunteered to give advice on that subject. The call is at Government expense.
3. If the civilian attorney cannot answer the question immediately, the two attorneys will make arrangements to communicate at a later time, either by the military attorney calling back the civilian attorney at a pre-designated time or by the civilian attorney calling back the military attorney COLLECT when he or she has the answer. In any event, telephone calls will be at Government expense. The civilian attorney agrees to make arrangements to have the information back to the military attorney within 24 hours after the first conversation.