

## 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](http://StatesideLegal.org), a national Web-based resource developed by [Pine Tree Legal Assistance](http://Pine Tree Legal Assistance) in Maine with a [Technology Initiative Grant](http://Technology Initiative Grant) from LSC. [StatesideLegal.org](http://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](http://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](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](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](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](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](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](http://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](mailto:bandowa@cooley.edu). Attorneys wishing to join the volunteer roster should contact Amy Bandow at [bandowa@cooley.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](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](http://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](http://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.