

Resources for Judicial/Court Staff

Judicial/court staff may encounter cases that involve unique issues facing military veterans. They may wish to consult the following resources to help them address those issues.

General Resources

<p>Legal Services Corporation (LSC) Veterans Task Force Report (2021)</p>	<p>The Veterans Task Force's report identifies ways to strengthen the relationship between legal aid providers and other veterans-serving organizations. It highlights best practices and model programs that provide effective, integrated services to veterans and offers tips for replicating successful programs.</p> <p>https://lsc-live.app.box.com/s/buoeznt4t7284462luqxcvqg!p1lnatu</p>
<p>Military Sexual Trauma (MST)</p>	<p>People of all genders, ages, sexual orientations, racial and ethnic backgrounds, and branches of service have experienced MST. 1 in 3 women veterans and 1 in 50 men veterans in the VA healthcare system report experiencing MST. Like other types of trauma, MST can negatively affect a person's mental and physical health, even many years later. Visit the Veterans Affairs website to learn more about MST.</p> <p>https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/msthome/index.asp</p>

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State Specific Resources

<p>Swords to Plowshares (CA)</p>	<p>Swords to Plowshares is a San Francisco Bay Area-based nonprofit that assists veterans who have low income and/or who are unhoused, and only with VA benefits claims and discharge upgrades cases.</p> <p>1060 Howard Street. San Francisco, CA 94103. (415) 252-4788 legalreferrals@stp-sf.org</p>
<p>Connecticut Veterans Legal Center (CT)</p>	<p>Connecticut Veterans Legal Center provides free legal assistance to Connecticut veterans to help them overcome legal barriers to housing, healthcare, and income.</p> <p>For court clerk/staff inquiries only:</p> <p>Felix Chaoulideer, Chief of Staff fchaoulideer@ctveteranslegal.org</p>
<p>Veterans Legal Clinic at the Legal Service Center at Harvard Law School (MA)</p>	<p>The Veterans Legal Clinic represents veterans and their family members when they cannot afford an attorney in matters such as state and federal veterans benefits, discharge upgrades, and estate planning.</p> <p>For court clerk/staff inquiries only:</p> <p>Lisa Musto, Paralegal/Pro Bono Coordinator: lmusto@law.harvard.edu</p>
<p>Veterans Legal Services (MA)</p>	<p>Veterans Legal Services provides free civil legal help to veterans in Massachusetts. Practice areas include: family, housing, debt, and benefits law, as well as discharge upgrades.</p> <p>For court clerk/staff inquiries only:</p> <p>Anna Richardson, Co-Executive Director & Chief Counsel anna@veteranslegalservices.org</p>