

Fall Semester Law Student Advocates

Veterans Legal Services (VLS) is currently accepting applications for full-time or part-time unpaid* law student advocate internship positions for **Fall 2025**. VLS helps Massachusetts veterans overcome adversity by providing free civil legal aid that honors their service, promotes well-being, and responds to their distinctive needs.

Diversity and Inclusion:

Diversity strengthens VLS and enhances the fulfillment of its mission. Individuals of diverse backgrounds and experiences, for example, those who identify as people of color, LGBTQ+, veterans, and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. At VLS, we offer an inclusive environment where our law student advocates are an important part of the team.

Position Description:

This position will be hybrid with both in-person and remote work. Students will have the opportunity to speak with veterans who are seeking legal services, conduct intake interviews, and attend in-person legal clinics.

Students will also manage their own caseloads under an attorney's supervision. Additional law student advocate duties may include:

- communicating with clients by phone and mail;
- communicating with opposing parties;
- conducting legal research;
- drafting memos, pleadings, and other court documents;
- assisting the pro bono director with a variety of tasks related to case assignment to our volunteer attorney panel; and
- assisting with administrative tasks as needed.

This internship offers the potential to present at a court or agency hearing.

The position provides a unique opportunity for law students with a demonstrated interest in public interest law, civil rights issues, and/or giving back to our veterans to have substantive client interaction. VLS focuses its assistance on the areas of highest need, such as: housing, debt collection defense, military discharge status upgrades, family law, state and federal veterans' benefits appeals, and criminal record sealing to improve employment and housing prospects.

VLS assists approximately 1,000 veterans per year through its clinics at the Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital (VA Bedford), New England Center & Home for Veterans, VA Brockton, the Norfolk County Veterans Treatment Court, Volunteers of America in Quincy and Lawrence, and the Veterans Home at Chelsea. We are an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization in Massachusetts.

Time Commitment:

Law student advocates are required to commit to working a minimum of 10 hours a week for fifteen weeks beginning on or about September 2, 2025, and ending on or about December 12, 2025.

Application Process:

To apply, please send your resume **and** cover letter to lawstudents@veteranslegalservices.org. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Preference will be given to applications received by **August 14, 2025**, that conform to the requirement of a resume and a cover letter.

*We regret that we are unable to offer a salary or stipend and encourage applicants to seek public interest funding opportunities through the Boston Bar Association, the Massachusetts Bar Association, Equal Justice America or your law school's public interest program.