



Military Legal Assistance Program Pledge

A tribute to the men and women who serve us.

- I am an attorney in good standing in the State of New Jersey and am willing to consider pro bono referrals from a program that provides assistance to New Jersey residents who have served as active duty members of Reserve Components of the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001.
- I am willing to provide representation to clients referred by the program, provided that my personal availability at the time permits and the particular referral is acceptable to me.
- I shall accept no financial gain for providing needed information or representation to any reservist, family member or other person referred to me by the program.
- I understand that program volunteers are expected to donate their time and reasonable expenses including filing fees, administrative costs, travel expenses, etc. during the course of their representation of the MLAP client. Extraordinary expenses, such as expert and transcriptionist fees, may be charged to the client. This information should be explained to the client at the outset of the representation in the retainer agreement where the parameters of the engagement should be outlined for the client and agreed to by both parties. However, attorneys should also be encouraged to ask the experts/transcriptionists if they would donate their time as a part of the program as well. If they refuse, then the client may be charged.
- Any attorney fees that may be awarded pursuant to law in the course of representing a client may be used to offset extraordinary expenses and the remainder shall be donated to a recognized military charity.
- Neither I nor any firm with which I am associated shall accept any other remuneration from any person, except as outlined above for extraordinary expenses, with whom I have been in contact as a volunteer of the program, even if such person so requests. Neither I nor any such firm will be precluded from representing such person on a pro bono basis.
- I shall not take any action which may reasonably appear to be an attempt to solicit business for myself or for any other attorney. This means I may not provide referrals to any lawyer (or law firm), even at the request of the client, unless the other attorney (or law firm) has signed this type of pledge. My assistance to program callers and clients needing to find an attorney on a fee basis shall consist of explaining, generally, how to find an attorney by consulting their own trusted contacts, county lawyer referral services or peer-review listings such as Martindale-Hubbell, Best Lawyers in America, etc.

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*Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

*City:

*State:

*Postal Code:

*Phone:

Office

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*E-mail Address:

*I am willing to assist in the following areas of practice (Please select at least one):

Employment Law

Debtor-Creditor Law

Family Law

Military/Administrative Law

Other practice areas or relevant information:

By checking here, you certify that you agree to abide by the above Volunteer Pledge in connection with any referrals made from the Program.