



Washington State Attorney General's  
Office of Military & Veteran Legal Assistance



**M.E.D.A.L. PROGRAM**

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Program Description

Through the M.E.D.A.L. Program, the Office of Military & Veteran Legal Assistance facilitates direct representation for military service members and veterans. The M.E.D.A.L. Program receives requests for legal assistance and refers qualified requests to registered volunteer attorneys who can offer assistance with self-selected civil legal issues. The M.E.D.A.L. Program also facilitates the appointment of volunteer attorneys to serve as court-appointed counsel to current military service members when required under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

Volunteer Position

M.E.D.A.L. Program Volunteer Attorney

General Duties

- Provide direct limited representation when reasonable or full representation on a particular matter through completion of a client's case;
- Meet or otherwise communicate with client to develop case strategy;
- Draft pleadings and motions as necessary; and
- Help prepare client for *pro se* representation or represent client at hearings and trial.

Time Commitment

Volunteers are asked to accept 1-4 cases per year. The time required to complete a case will vary depending upon type and complexity. Office of Military and Veteran Legal Assistance staff will provide registered volunteer attorneys with a case summary and volunteers may choose to accept or decline taking on the representation.

Qualifications

- Licensed to practice law in Washington State; and
- Willingness to represent a client facing a legal issue in a familiar practice area or be trained to offer assistance in a new practice area.

Benefits

- Contribute toward making legal resources more accessible to Washington's military families in need; and
- Access to free CLE credit, through both on-demand trainings in a variety of practice areas and pro bono service hours.

Training & Support

- CLE trainings on select issues;
- Servicemembers Civil Relief Act Resource Manual;
- Connection to volunteer mentors (subject to availability); and
- Use of Attorney General's office space for meeting with clients (subject to availability).

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