

## Pro Bono Volunteers

The M.E.D.A.L. Program offers an opportunity for attorneys to serve those who serve our country and our communities in uniform.

Military service members and their families can face legal issues that are the result of, or complicated by, their military service.

The M.E.D.A.L. Program works to match pro bono volunteers with military service members who need legal assistance on select civil legal issues.

To support program volunteers, the Attorney General's Office of Military and Veteran Legal Assistance provides:

- Training and resources;
- Access to professional liability insurance in certain cases;
- Peer support and mentoring; and
- Screening of potential clients.

Our state's military service members deserve our appreciation and support.

To learn more about volunteering or how you can assist in other ways, please visit the Office of Military and Veteran Legal Assistance online at:

**[www.atg.wa.gov/legal-assistance-veterans-military-personnel](http://www.atg.wa.gov/legal-assistance-veterans-military-personnel)**

The M.E.D.A.L. Program is administered by the Washington State Attorney General's Office of Military and Veteran Legal Assistance.

For more information or to contact the Attorney General's Office of Military and Veteran Legal Assistance visit

**[www.atg.wa.gov/veteran-and-military-resources](http://www.atg.wa.gov/veteran-and-military-resources)**

or call (206)-464-6431 to connect with the office's Pro Bono Manager.



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## M.E.D.A.L. Program



### Civil Legal Assistance for Military Service Members



## Overview

The M.E.D.A.L. (**M**ILITARY **E**NGAGEMENT AND **D**IRECTED **A**DVOCACY BY **L**AWYERS) Program connects volunteer attorneys to eligible military service members facing select civil legal issues.

If you have additional questions not answered in this brochure, please contact the Attorney General's Office of Military and Veteran Legal Assistance.

## Military Service Members

### Am I eligible?

You are eligible to request assistance through the M.E.D.A.L. program if:

- You are currently serving on active duty, or as a Reservist or a member of the National Guard;
- You are domiciled or stationed in Washington State;
- Your income is at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level, and you are not otherwise represented by or able to pay for a private attorney; and
- You have sought assistance from the appropriate military legal assistance office.



### What types of legal issues can the M.E.D.A.L. program help with?

The M.E.D.A.L. Program offers military service members legal assistance with issues in:

- Consumer Law;
- Employment Law;
- Estate Planning;
- Landlord/Tenant;
- Servicemembers Civil Relief Act; and
- Small Claims Assistance.

The program cannot help with criminal legal matters.

### How do I request assistance?

To request assistance from the M.E.D.A.L. Program, you should first visit your local military legal assistance office or consult with a judge advocate.

Military legal assistance office staff will do what they can to help you, which may include helping identify the nature of your legal issue.

Military legal assistance office staff can also provide you with access to the M.E.D.A.L. Program's "Request for Civil Legal Assistance" form, which describes how to request help from the program.

### Who will be assisting me?

Under state law, the Attorney General's Office cannot provide direct legal advice or representation, but instead recruits and trains volunteer attorneys, and connects them to military service members in need of legal assistance.

M.E.D.A.L. Program volunteer attorneys are licensed members of the Washington State Bar Association authorized to practice law in Washington State.