

A Lawyer's Guide to: Veteran & Military Law

A practical guide to handling the most common legal issues veterans and service members are likely to face.

Presented in cooperation with the NJSBA Senior Lawyers Special Committee

New Jersey has a veteran population of over 400,000, or 5 percent of our total population. 229,000 veterans are aged 65 or over. We also have a lower percentage of veterans under 25 than the rest of the nation. This means that our veteran population is almost equally split between those in the work force and those retired. In addition, with current and former military families, many practitioners will at some point find themselves confronted by the unique issues associated with military service.

Do you know how to divide up the military pension, or understand the concepts of Base Pay, Basic Allowance for Subsistence, and Basic Allowance for Housing to properly calculate child support payments? Do you have a general understanding of the military criminal and administrative punishment regime your client may be facing? Do you understand your client's rights under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and its impact on divorce litigation? Attend this seminar and learn the unique legal issues necessary to professionally represent these current or former service members and family members. If you have a veteran client who needs to go into a nursing home do you know the best approach to take?

Attendees will also learn about representation before the Department of Veterans Affairs. Including Basic Eligibility, Claims procedures, including how to establish service connection under 38 USC Chapter 11: Disability Compensation Benefits. Appealing a denial from the Regional office to the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) and Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC). VA Pension issues will be explored including eligibility criteria, types of pensions, Income, resources and Net Worth and Aid and Attendance/Housebound benefits.

This seminar will provide you with the tools that you need to represent men and women who have served their nation in your practice.

Learn how to handle the unique issues of your clients with military background, including:

- Military pay and the role of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) - Base Pay, Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS), Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH), and Special Duty Pay
- Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) impact on divorce litigation - stopping default judgments
- Custody and visitation for military parents
- Dividing the military pension
- Military support guidelines vs. support guidelines for child and spousal support
- Adverse administrative actions and their impact on a military career, military benefits, and family members
- Military Protective Orders
- Behavioral health concerns
- Jurisdiction, domicile, and legal residence
- The Survivor Benefit Plan
- Paternity
- Military dependent benefits (former spouse benefits, education benefits)
- Characterization of Discharge
- How to become accredited to represent veterans at the agency

NJ CLE INFORMATION: This program has been approved by the Board on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for 4.5 hours of total CLE credit.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Seminar tuition includes breakfast and seminar materials. Visit NJICLE.com for complete directions to all locations.

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ICMIL017117
Tues., April 25, 2017
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
NJ Law Center

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Online Only

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PA CLE: 3.5 substantive credits pending (\$16 fee - separate check payable to NJICLE must be submitted at the end of the program)

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