

How much does it cost?

Our representation is free if you have limited income and meet our case criteria.

How do I apply for legal aid?

Call our intake line at (617) 390-2525 or come to our office Monday through Friday during our walk-in hours (9am-5pm).

Before we can decide whether to accept a client, we first need to learn the facts of your case, find out your goals, and determine your eligibility for our services.

How do I get to your office?

The Veterans Legal Clinic is part of the Legal Services Center. We are located in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood of Boston. We are right next to the Stony Brook T station on the Orange Line. For those who wish to drive, we have free parking behind our building.



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Have you served in
the military?

Are you the family
member of a
veteran?

Do you need
legal help?

Veterans LEGAL CLINIC



THE VETERANS LEGAL CLINIC

In 2012, the Veterans Legal Clinic opened its doors to provide pro bono legal assistance to disabled veterans and their family members. Our goal is to protect the legal rights of the veterans community through determined, passionate, and effective advocacy.

TYPES OF CASES WE HANDLE

Veterans Benefits

We provide representation in appeals at all levels (agency and court) involving access to:

- Massachusetts Chapter 115 Veterans' Services Benefits: please visit massvetben.org
- VA service-connected disability compensation benefits
- VA pension benefits
- VA dependency & indemnity compensation (DIC) benefits
- VA healthcare

Military Discharge Upgrades

We provide representation before the military review boards and in federal court when a veteran unjustly received a less-than-honorable discharge that causes continuing harm. We handle cases involving:

- Discharge upgrades
- Records corrections
- Changes to narrative reason and re-entry code

In addition to representing individual clients, the Clinic also pursues broader initiatives to improve the systems that serve the veterans community. As a teaching site of Harvard Law School, our advocacy team includes both experienced attorneys and second- and third-year law students.

Estate Planning

We assist veterans and their family members in a variety of estate planning matters:

- Wills
- Powers of Attorney
- Health Care Proxies
- Powers of Attorney
- Special Needs Trusts
- VA Fiduciary Disputes

Safety Net

We represent veterans in appeals involving access to:

- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits
- VA Healthcare
- MassHealth

For more information about our legal services and client success stories, please visit us on the web at legalservicescenter.org

THE CLIENTS WE SERVE

We help veterans of all backgrounds and all generations, from World War II to the Post-9/11 era. We also help the family members of veterans. Our clients include LGBT veterans, women veterans, combat veterans, less-than-honorably discharged veterans, veterans who have experienced MST, and Guard and Reserve veterans.

What other types of cases does the Legal Services Center handle for veterans?

Consumer Protection

Whether you're dealing with fraud, harassing debt collectors, unfair contracts, or billing disputes, our team can help you understand your rights and work towards a fair resolution.

IRS / MA DOR Tax Issues

We assist with a variety of tax issues, including IRS audits, IRS appeals, Tax Court cases, and collection issues (including offers in compromise and installment agreements).

CORI Sealing

If a past criminal record is creating barriers to jobs, housing, or other opportunities, we can help you understand your eligibility and guide you through the steps to clear your record and move forward.

