

Service to Soldiers: Legal Assistance Referral Program

Participating Attorney Registration and Agreement Form

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the pilot of Thomas M. Cooley Law School's Service to Soldiers: Legal Assistance Referral Program. The pilot portion of this program will be handled as follows:

- Participating attorney will be provided training materials on relevant military codes, including the Soldier and Sailor Act. JAG experts will be available to answer specific questions attorneys may have.
- During the check-in process of Lansing's Charlie Company Marine Reserve Unit, Cooley faculty will be on hand to consult with soldiers facing unmet legal needs.
- Cooley faculty will consult with eligible military personnel on what kind of legal services they required and make appropriate referrals from the referral list, giving the soldier the attorney contact information
- Cooley staff will then notify participating attorneys of referrals made.
- Participating attorneys will assist referred soldiers at no cost and document that pro bono service for their records.
- Cooley staff will consult each attorney one month after a referral was made to document the progress or status.

To allow for appropriate referrals, participating attorneys will fill out the following form explaining background, areas of expertise, geographic limitations, and how many clients can be served.

(1) List your areas of expertise: _____

Examples of commonly needed services include legal issues surrounding return to work, VA claims, creditor and tax issues, child custody and support, and divorce and separation. Please check the boxes of areas of law you feel competent to handle:

Return to work

Child Custody

VA Claims

Child Support

Credit/creditor issues

Divorce/separation

Tax Problems

Other (specify)

(2) List the counties in which you can assist clients: _____

(3) Indicate how many clients you are able to assist on a pro bono basis. Cooley Law School will respect the limitations you set.

I can assist up to _____ pro bono clients per _____

(4) Provide the following biographical information:

I am currently a member of the Michigan Bar in good standing Yes No

Name: Last First Middle Initial P Number

Firm Name Telephone Email Address

Street Address City County Zip

Year Admitted to Practice in Michigan Other State in which Licensed

By signing this Agreement, I agree:

1. To provide pro bono legal services to members of the U.S. armed forces who are referred to me by Cooley Service to Soldiers.
2. To abide by the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct.
3. To accept referrals only in those areas of the law in which I am competent.
4. In the event that I am unable to represent a client for any reason, I will let the program coordinator know as soon as possible so another referral can be provided for the service member.
5. To notify Cooley Service to Soldiers in writing of my desire to withdraw from this program or of any substantial limitation in my ability to accept the representation of clients through the program.

Attorney's Signature

Date