

MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION'S VETERANS DIAL-A- LAWYER AND VETERANS VISITING LAWYER PROGRAMS

The Veterans Dial-A-Lawyer Program consists of MBA attorneys providing free legal advice to veterans on a call-in basis. VLAN provides support to the program by providing experienced attorneys that specialize in civil legal issues facing servicemembers and veterans.

Many Veterans in Western and rural sections of Massachusetts are in desperate need of legal services, but are unable to access these services due to geographical limitations. The Veterans Visiting Lawyer Program is a traveling legal clinic, which allows MBA and VLAN attorneys to bring individualized legal services to veterans through agencies in their communities.

INCARCERATED VETERANS PROJECT

Veterans face a number of legal issues during their period of incarceration that prevent them from transitioning into a stable environment conducive to reentry. These issues include:

- Overpayments of VA and SSDI benefits often result since benefits are terminated at the time of incarceration.
- Loss of income to pay child support orders resulting in large support arrearages and the accrual of interest and penalties.
- Inability to appear in court regarding civil actions filed against them for divorce, restraining orders and other civil matters.

By providing pro bono legal services, VLAN can assist these veterans with reducing their child support orders, seeking waivers of overpaid benefits and court representation in civil matters.

IF YOU OR A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY IS FACING ONE OF THESE LEGAL ISSUES, CONTACT THE

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