

# Montgomery County, MD - Veterans Network Directory

## Legal Services – Civil Legal Issues and Military Law

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### American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Maryland

3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 350  
Baltimore, MD 21211

E-mail: [aclu@aclu-md.org](mailto:aclu@aclu-md.org)  
[www.aclu-md.org](http://www.aclu-md.org)

410-889-8555 (V)  
301-270-2258 (Takoma Park Field Office)  
443-524-2558 (Complaint Line)

Do not have in-office appointments. **Civil Liberties Complaint Line:** Staffed by trained Intake Specialists who will record all of your information and provide you with as much information as possible. Intake Specialists are not attorneys and cannot provide legal advice. If an Intake Specialist determines that the issue is one that their office may be able to assist with, the information will be relayed to a staff attorney. Complaint Line is in operation on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 1:00pm and 3:00pm.

### Bar Association of Montgomery County

27 West Jefferson Street  
Rockville, MD 20850  
[www.montbar.org](http://www.montbar.org)

301-424-3454 (V)  
301-279-9100 (Lawyer Referral Service)

Assist low-income residents of Montgomery County obtain free legal representation and consultation. **Lawyer Referral Service** refers residents to attorneys in Montgomery County. \$50 fee for initial thirty-minute consultation. Reduced fee services available for eligible residents.

### Disability Rights Maryland (formerly Maryland Disability Law Center)

1500 Union Avenue, Suite 2000  
Baltimore, MD 21211  
[www.disabilityrightsmd.org](http://www.disabilityrightsmd.org)

410-727-6352 (V)  
410-235-5387 (TTY)  
1-800-233-7201 (Toll Free)

Provide services to persons with disabilities such as information and referrals to callers about many different legal topics, investigations of complaints that persons with disabilities are abused, neglected, or mistreated, case advocacy for persons with disabilities to obtain certain services, legal representation, technical assistance and legal information to promote self-advocacy, and public education and training.

### Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)

E-mail: [osd.USERRA@mail.mil](mailto:osd.USERRA@mail.mil)  
[www.esgr.mil/About-ESGR/Contact/Local-State-Pages/maryland.aspx](http://www.esgr.mil/About-ESGR/Contact/Local-State-Pages/maryland.aspx)

1-800-336-4590, Option 1 (Customer Service)

Promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve Component Service members (Guard and Reserve) and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment.

### House of Ruth Legal Clinic

2201 Argonne Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21218  
E-mail: [info@hruthmd.org](mailto:info@hruthmd.org)  
[www.hruthmd.org](http://www.hruthmd.org)

410-554-8463 (V)  
1-888-880-7884 (24-Hour Legal Line)

Legal Clinic provides free legal advice and representation in securing protective/peace orders, divorce and custody. Client Service Coordinators work in the community with victims in crisis and provide an emergency shelter for women and children in imminent danger.

### Joining Forces Project – Maryland Legal Aid

[www.mdlab.org](http://www.mdlab.org)

443-863-4040 (Hotline)

**Hours:** Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Free telephone hotline specifically for low-income veterans to receive brief advice for their civil legal issues. Qualified volunteer lawyers will be recruited to provide representation to eligible veterans who have more extensive civil legal issues. Veterans may be assisted in the following areas: consumer rights (bankruptcy, debt collection, foreclosure, wage garnishment); family law (child support, custody and visitation, divorce, domestic violence); government benefits (SNAP (Food Stamps), SSI & SSDI, Temporary Cash Assistance, unemployment); veterans' benefits (disability, education, pensions, upgrades and discharges); and housing (breach of lease, evictions, foreclosure, landlord/tenant issues). Services are free for financially eligible individuals.

### Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center

1001 Prince George's Boulevard, Suite 750  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774  
[www.mdcrimevictims.org](http://www.mdcrimevictims.org)

301-952-0063 (V)  
1-877-842-8467 (Toll Free)

Provide assistance with all types of crime including: arson, assault, breaking and entering, child abuse, destruction of property, domestic violence, DUI/DWI, elder abuse, fraud, harassment, ID theft, mortgage fraud, kidnapping, molestation, robbery/burglary/theft, sexual assault, survivors of homicide, and more.

### Mason Veterans and Servicemembers Legal Clinic (M-VETS) – George Mason School of Law

3301 Fairfax Drive, MS1 G3  
Arlington, VA 22201  
E-mail: [clasv@mail.gmu.edu](mailto:clasv@mail.gmu.edu)  
<http://mvets.law.gmu.edu/>

703-993-8214 (V)

Mason law students represent servicemembers, veterans and dependent family members in a wide variety of litigation and non-litigation matters including consumer protection, family law (uncontested divorce, step-parent adoptions, name changes), landlord-tenant, contract, administrative and military law and entitlement matters, Medical and Physical Evaluation Boards, and discharge upgrade applications before Discharge Review Boards and Boards of Corrections for Military Records. M-VETS also provides assistance related to the appeal of initial (partial or total) denials of VA disability compensation claims, the filing requests for increases in ratings, and appeals to the Board of Veterans Appeals and the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

### National Veterans Legal Services Program

E-mail: [info@nvlsp.org](mailto:info@nvlsp.org)  
[www.nvlsp.org](http://www.nvlsp.org)

202-265-8305 (V)

Represent veterans and their dependents who are seeking benefits before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and in court. Also provide veterans organizations, service officers and attorneys with training and educational publications to enable them to help veterans and their dependents obtain all the benefits that they deserve.

**Lawyers Serving Warriors:** Offer pro bono legal help to veterans serving in Iraq and Afghanistan facing administrative separation, going through a mental evaluation board or physical evaluation board, received an inappropriate discharge characterization, filed a claim with the VA for disability compensation, or having difficulty with a claim under Traumatic Servicemembers Life Insurance.

### Naval Legal Service Office (NLSO) – District Washington

E-mail: [RLSO.NDW@navy.mil](mailto:RLSO.NDW@navy.mil)

202-685-5569 (V)

[www.jag.navy.mil/legal\\_services/rlso/rlso\\_naval\\_district\\_washington.htm](http://www.jag.navy.mil/legal_services/rlso/rlso_naval_district_washington.htm)

Customer service organization providing legal services to active duty Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard service members and their dependents, reservists on active duty for 30 days or more, to retirees as resources permit and, under limited circumstances, Department of Defense (DoD) personnel deploying overseas. The primary mission is to provide legal services to support fleet operational readiness. The highest priority will be given to fleet and operational units, particularly those deployed or preparing to deploy. Legal services provided include consumer/financial affairs, deployment readiness, family law, immigration, military benefits, notary, powers of attorney, real property, Service Members Civil Relief Act (SCRA), small claims court, voting, wills and estate planning, and tax assistance.

### Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP) – Veterans Legal Assistance Project

Eric Hughes, Project Manager

202-832-6577 (V)

E-mail: [veterans.project@nlsp.org](mailto:veterans.project@nlsp.org)

[www.nlsp.org/veterans](http://www.nlsp.org/veterans)

Provides free civil legal services for veterans in the Washington, DC metro area including: veterans affairs disability compensation benefits, military discharge updates, and other veterans benefits. The Project will also handle housing, family, public benefits, and barriers to employment issues for veterans.

### Public Justice Center

1 North Charles Street, Suite 200  
Baltimore, MD 21201

410-625-9409 (V)

[www.publicjustice.org](http://www.publicjustice.org)

Provide legal assistance regarding education, employment law, housing, civil rights, children's rights, torts, juvenile, and immigration.

### University of Maryland – School of Law Clinic Program

510 West Baltimore Street, Suite 360  
Baltimore, MD 21201

410-706-3295 (V)

410-929-4809 (JustAdvice® Project)

E-mail: [JustAdvice@Project@law.umaryland.edu](mailto:JustAdvice@Project@law.umaryland.edu)

[www.law.umaryland.edu/programs/clinic](http://www.law.umaryland.edu/programs/clinic)

Law students practice under supervision of law school faculty and provide legal representation to low-income clients in family law matters before district, circuit and appellate courts. Child custody, child support, divorce and protection from domestic violence. **JustAdvice® Project** hosts two three-hour sessions each week at various locations. Customers receive up to 30 minutes with an experienced attorney to discuss their legal issue. During this meeting, customers can gain a better understanding of the legal issues they face and receive advice on how to proceed in order to resolve those issues. The JustAdvice® Project will assist with family law, housing, criminal, employment, expungement, insurance, SSI, tax, elder law cases. Besides providing legal advice, the JustAdvice® Project can also help with expungement of court records for only the cost of court filings. You are highly encouraged to schedule an appointment. However, walk-ins are also welcome. Walk-ins please note that they do not accept appointments one hour prior to the end of session. For example, if a session ends at 3PM, a walk-in must arrive before 2PM in order to receive legal advice.

### U.S. Air Force Legal Assistance

<https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil/lass/lass.html>

Enhances the readiness and welfare of active duty and reserve members of the Armed Forces by providing quality legal services regarding personal civil legal matters to eligible persons, and by educating eligible persons regarding their personal legal rights and responsibilities. Website features Legal Assistance Topics that review basic information on legal assistance topics commonly affect military members such as consumer affairs, family law, wills, or powers of attorney. The information provided is for educational and general information purposes only. It is not legal advice. Speak with a licensed attorney before relying on the information contained within the website to make a decision or take any action. Use the Legal Services Locator to find your nearest military legal office within the continental United States. Also offer

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online legal worksheets including wills, advance medical directives, and powers of attorney.

### U.S. Army Reserve Legal Assistance

[www.usar.army.mil/ourstory/commands/USARLC/Pages/Legal-Assistance.aspx](http://www.usar.army.mil/ourstory/commands/USARLC/Pages/Legal-Assistance.aspx)

301-944-3718 (V)

US Army Reserve Soldiers **on Active duty for 30 days or more days** may obtain free, confidential legal services from either (1) Active Component legal assistance providers or (2) Reserve Component legal assistance providers. US Army Reserve Soldiers **on Active duty for 29 days or less days** may obtain free, confidential legal services from either (1) Active Component legal assistance providers (on a space available basis only) or (2) Reserve Component legal assistance providers. US Army Reserve Soldiers **who are not on Active duty** are eligible for free legal services from Reserve Component legal assistance providers.

### U.S. Coast Guard Legal Assistance

[www.uscg.mil/legal/la/Legal\\_Assistance\\_Home.asp](http://www.uscg.mil/legal/la/Legal_Assistance_Home.asp)

202-372-3783 (V)

Coast Guard legal assistance attorneys provide advice and counsel regarding personal legal issues to thousands of service members, dependents and retirees each year at no cost. These issues may involve family law, estate planning, consumer law, landlord-tenant relations, immigration or many other topics.

### Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program

2101 L Street NW, Suite 420

Washington, DC 20037

E-mail: [intake@vetsprobono.org](mailto:intake@vetsprobono.org)

[www.vetsprobono.org](http://www.vetsprobono.org)

1-888-838-7727 (Toll Free)

202-628-8164 (V)

Provide assistance to unrepresented veterans or their family members who have filed appeals at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (Court). Veterans Consortium can review your case, and provide you with a free lawyer, if you meet all of the following criteria – You are a veteran (or qualifying family member of a veteran); You have received an adverse decision from the Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA); You have appealed that BVA decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (the Court); You do not have an attorney to help you; You ask them for our assistance and you meet their program's financial eligibility guidelines; AND they can identify at least one meritorious issue to be argued before the Court.

### Women's Law Center of Maryland

305 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 201

Towson, MD 21204

E-mail: [admin@wlcmd.org](mailto:admin@wlcmd.org)

[www.wlcmd.org](http://www.wlcmd.org)

410-321-8761 (V)

1-877-422-9500 (Employment Law Hotline)

1-800-845-8550 (Family Law Hotline)

1-800-818-9888 (Legal Forms Hotline)

Provides free legal services in the areas of family law, domestic violence and employment law.