



The ABA Military Pro Bono Project, launched in 2008, is one-of-a-kind, web-based venture that improves access to pro bono civil legal assistance for activity-duty military personnel, including active-duty members of the National Guard and Reserves, while expanding opportunities for firms and attorneys to provide pro bono services.

Referrals of income-eligible servicemember clients through the Project originate in military legal assistance offices after a thorough screening for legal merit by military handling attorneys and additional screening by supervising military attorneys. The Project legal staff then offers eligible cases to private-sector attorneys and firms that have registered with the Project website and are qualified pro bono providers in the geographic area and subject area of interest for that case.

Unlike a number of pro bono programs that have surfaced recently to support veterans, including numerous efforts of ABA members, the Pro Bono Project is exclusively devoted to supporting active-duty personnel.

Surveys show that American law firms are eager to assist those who are sacrificing so much in our nation's service, and those firms registered with and taking cases through the Project are committed to assisting this most deserving client population. No participating firm is required to take any particular referred case, however, and by registering as a Project Volunteer Firm one assumes no obligation to provide any particular volume of pro bono service.

The Project is now in its Beta phase. Referrals through the dedicated web site began in September 2008.

For Project details and to register as a referring military legal assistance attorney or as a volunteer private-sector attorney or firm, go to the [ABA Military Pro Bono Project website](#).

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The ABA Military Pro Bono Project is a joint project of the ABA [Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel](#) (LAMP) and the [Section of Litigation](#).