



# MILITARY LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

## New Jersey State Bar Association



**Application:**

Please complete and return to the New Jersey State Bar Association using the contact information provided at the end of this form.

**Contact Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle Initial) (Last)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City/Town)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
(State) (Zip/Postal Code)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(home) (cell) (work)

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the above is your preferred method of contact? \_\_\_\_\_

**Requirements:**

The following are requirements for acceptance into the Military Legal Assistance Program. In order to qualify for the program, you must meet all four requirements. Please select “Yes” or “No” to the questions below. False or outdated information will result in immediate disqualification. If you do not meet all four requirements, please submit your completed application so that we can recommend other organizations that may be able to provide you with legal assistance.

1. Are you a primary resident of the state of New Jersey?  Yes  No
  - *Primary means that you pay income taxes to the state of New Jersey and/or own or rent a home within the state of New Jersey.*
  - *If your primary residence is outside of New Jersey, we can recommend similar programs in your state based on availability.*
  
2. Are you currently a reservist?  Yes  No
  - *A reservist is a member of the New Jersey National Guard or the reserve components of the armed forces (Army, Air Force, or Navy.)*
  - *If you are currently an active duty member of the military, we can recommend legal services to you provided through the military. Additionally, we can provide you with the contact information to the local county bar lawyer referral service in your area.*
  
3. Have you been deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan since 2001?  Yes  No
  - *Deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan can include places like Kuwait, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan or other places which are considered within the “theater of combat”*
  
4. Does the legal issue for which you are contacting us relate directly to your service?  Yes  No

- *The MLA Program assists military personnel in need of legal aid for civil cases in the areas of Family Law, Employment Law, Debtor-Credit Law or medial/physical disability appeals. We cannot assist in criminal cases, but we can offer contact information to your local county bar lawyer referral service.*

5. Please provide a brief description of the issue for which you are seeking legal assistance:

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Submitting Your Application:**

Please use one of the following methods when submitting your application:

Mail to:  
MLA Program Dept.  
1 Constitution Square  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Fax to:  
Attn: MLA Program Dept.  
732.249.2815

Scan & E-mail to:  
mlap@njsba.com

Once you have completed and submitted the application, please allow 3 to 5 business days for processing. Once processed, we will contact you via your preferred method of contact and advise you of further actions.

**Upon Acceptance/Disclaimer:**

**IF YOU QUALIFY:** We will contact a volunteer attorney to see if they are available to take your case. Upon acceptance of your case, the attorney will contact you and begin processing your case. At this point, you will be able to contact your attorney directly. Please keep in mind that volunteer Military Legal Assistance Program attorneys are not staff members of the New Jersey State Bar Association. If you have questions of your attorney, you should contact them directly. Additionally, attorneys granted though the New Jersey State Bar Association’s Military Legal Assistance Program have agreed to take cases on a strictly pro bono basis. The attorney assigned to your case should not profit in any way your case. If you are charged by this attorney, please contact the New Jersey State Bar Association at: 732-249-5000, and ask to speak to a Military Legal Assistance Program representative.

**IF YOU DO NOT QUALIFY:** Using the information provided on this form, we will make recommendations to various bar associations, lawyer referral services, and legal aid organizations that may be of assistance to you. Please keep in mind that only an attorney with a valid license to practice can offer you legal advice in the state of New Jersey. We cannot advise you on the specifics of your case at any time.