

Pro Bono Opportunities
NJ State Bar Web Posting Form

A. Contact Information	
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B. Organization Information

1. In a few sentences state the overall mission of your organization.

GI Go Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization that assists veterans, active-duty personnel, their family members, veteran supporters, and all members of the military community with finding employment, connecting to their benefits, and accessing housing opportunities.

2. Please use the boxes (check as many as apply) and lines below to identify and briefly describe the population(s) for which your organization provides services, be sure to include information on characteristics such as age, disability or income, that might be used in establishing eligibility for your services.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seniors/Elderly | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children/Families |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disabled |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low-income generally | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Veterans and Military Families _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Immigrants | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Among this population, 70% are individuals who suffer from one or more physical or mental disabilities. 55% of our clients are African American, and 20% are Latino. 35% were 18-30, 45% were 30-60, and 20% were over 60. Lastly, 80% are male, 20% were female.

3. In a few sentences describe the types of (legal?) services provided by your organization.

We assist veterans and military families with a multitude of legal services through the support of our pro bono partners. These include: pending criminal matters, eviction notices, filing VA Claims, and legal filings for veteran owned small businesses.

4. Service area:

- Statewide
 County based (please list counties served)

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Locally based (please list areas served)

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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5. Please use the boxes below, by checking the general topic area and any specific sub-specialties, to indicate the substantive areas in which you are seeking *pro bono* support.

Family

- Custody
- Child Support
- Divorce
- Domestic Violence
- Termination of Parental Rights
- Visitation

Housing/Landlord Tenant

Immigration

- Asylum
- Naturalization

Health

- SSI/SSD

Consumer

- Bankruptcy
- Credit/Debt counseling
- Predatory Lending

Wills

Transactional

- Non-profit corporate
- Community Development
- Tax

Senior/Elder law

- Bankruptcy
- Credit Counseling
- Predatory Lending

Civil Rights

Employment/Unemployment

Guardianship

Other VA Claims and Appeals

_____	_____
_____	_____
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6. Does your organization provide substantive training to volunteer attorneys?

- Yes No In some cases

If yes, please describe: Our staff, lead by COO and attorney James Fanous, provides an introduction to working with veteran clients, including the many issues we work with in our office, as well as how best to understand their needs and communicate with them.

7. Does your organization provide other types of support? If yes, please explain.

Litigation support Yes No _____

Fee waivers Yes No _____
Translators Yes No _____
Other Yes No _____

8. What, if any, supervision does your organization provide for volunteer attorneys?
Supervision and assistance provided by COO James Fanous and supporting staff

9. Does your organization provide malpractice coverage for volunteer attorneys?
 Yes No
If yes, please describe: _____

10. Does your organization require volunteer attorneys to carry malpractice insurance?
 Yes No
If yes, please explain: _____

11. Has the New Jersey Supreme Court approved your program for a Madden exemption?
 Yes No