



I WANT YOU
TO HELP A TEXAS
VETERAN
TODAY

Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans

Join the **TAKE ONE CAMPAIGN** Today

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What is Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans?

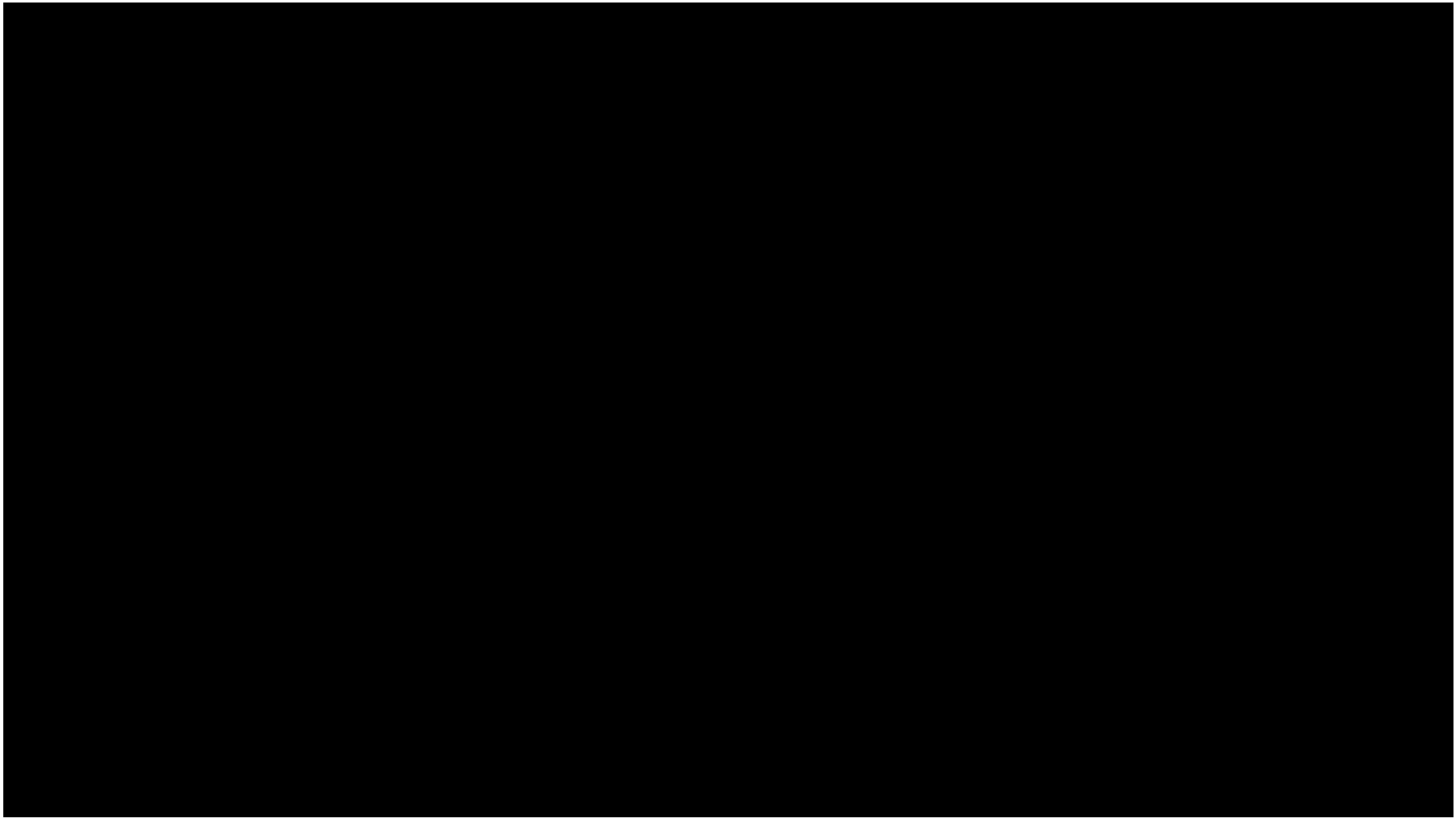
- Created in 2010 after program initiated by the Houston Bar Association
- Assisted over **45,000** Veterans and Families since inception
- Works with the VA and local clinics to spread its assistance across the state



What is Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans?

- Over **13,000** volunteer attorneys
- Over 30 local bar associations and organizations





Issues Facing Veterans

- In 2021, **76%** of low-income Veteran Households reported civil legal problems, **44%** experienced at least five civil legal problems.
- Low-income Veteran households did not receive any or enough legal help for **84%** of their substantial civil legal problems.
- **72%** of homeless Veterans in emergency shelters or other housing programs reported having a disability
- **7/10** unmet needs of homeless Veterans are legal issues

Common-Issues for Veterans

- **Housing** and Homelessness
 - Evictions
 - Foreclosures
- **Family Law** Problems
 - Divorce
 - Child-Custody/Support
- Debt/**Bankruptcy**/Scams
- Consumer Protection
- Wills/Estate Planning/**Probate**
- Employment/Job Security
 - Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Act (USERRA)
- **VA Benefits**/Health Care Claims
- Discharge Upgrades
- Administrative Issues
 - Drivers' License
 - Old Fines

Common-Issues for Active Duty

- Wills/**Estate Planning**/Probate
- Frequent Location Changes and Deployment
- Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA)
- **Family Law** and Domestic Issues
- **Predatory Lending**/Consumer Scams
- Military Justice and **Administrative Separation** Issues
- Victim Advocacy

2024 **VA CHALLENG** Results

Met Needs

- Medical Services
- Case Management
- Food
- Personal Hygiene
- HIV/AIDS Testing/Treatment
- Mental Health Services
- Substance Use Treatment
- Eye Care and Glasses
- Clothing
- Emergency Shelter

Un-Met Needs

Legal Assistance

- Credit Issues/Debt Collection
- Expunging Criminal Record
- Family Law
- Tax Issues
- Child Support
- Outstanding Warrants
- Discharge Upgrade Appeals

How Can **You** Help?



ME! I'LL DO IT!
I VOLUNTEER ALL MY TIME.

Baylor Law School Veterans' Clinic

- Second Friday of the Month
- People Served:
 - **2,639** Veterans and Spouses since 2012
 - **581** Wills for Veterans and First Responders since 2016



Be Present

- **Talk** to your local organizations about how you can support
- **Be** a mentor to attorneys that can take the cases
- **Help** a law student start their public service journey





Gather Information

- Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA)
- Texas Access to Justice Foundation
- Local Bar Services Department

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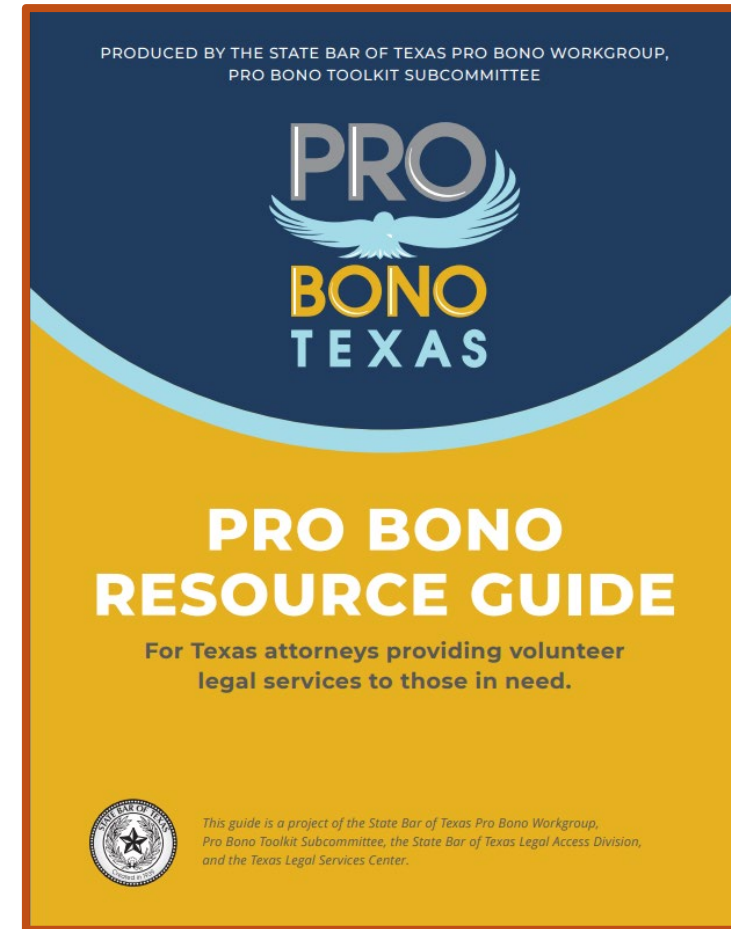
RESOURCES FOR
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ASSISTING VETERANS



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VETERANS
SEEKING HELP

Take a *Pro Bono* Case

- **Gain** an amazing network of mentor attorneys, even for practice areas you may not yet be familiar
- **Choose** from a wide range of time commitments and case sizes
- **Enjoy** free resources available to help you with your *pro bono* case



What do Veterans Deserve?

- **Compassion:** a lawyer who will listen to them and apply their expertise to serve as a guide and an advocate.
- **Attention:** Veterans need more than just a 15-30 Minute Clinical Session.
- **Consistency:** Many Veterans don't have the time or ability to return to a clinic and explain the same issue to a new lawyer and start over.
- **Advocacy:** Veterans deserve dedicated attorneys who will fight for them and their families.

Take One Campaign

Help us **honor those who served**. Scan the QR code to add your name to the list of lawyers willing to take a *pro bono* case on behalf of a veteran in need.

