



PREVENTIVE LAW SERIES

GUIDELINE TO RECEIVE LEGAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES



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WHAT IS THE LEGAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT?

Legal assistance is an authorized service provided to active duty and retired service members and their dependents, as well as certain reserve components and other selected personnel. All eligible personnel will be required to show proper military identification. The primary focus is on active duty (including recalled reservists) service members facing deployment in the immediate future. On rare occasions, it may be necessary to curtail legal services to non-deployers for brief periods of time if an emergency situation arises where immediate services must be provided to large numbers of deploying personnel. RLSO SW does not impose a uniform requirement for clients; they may wear appropriate civilian attire unless otherwise directed by their chain of command.

ATTORNEY SERVICES

Informational Advice Only

- Bankruptcy consequences
- Conservatorships
- Domicile and State residency issues
- Guardianships
- Insurance contracts
- Living trusts
- Military rights and benefits
- Out-of-state divorces
- Pre/post-nuptial agreements
- Review of residential leases
- Small Claims Court
- Subpoena issues
- Transmutation agreements

Advice + Document Drafting

- Adoptions
- Advanced health care directives
- Affidavits of paternity
- Child or spousal support
- Consumer law issues
- Debtor/creditor issues
- Divorces in California
- Durable power of attorney
- Indebtedness letters
- Landlord/tenant issues (primarily tenant advice)
- Living Wills
- Marital separation agreements
- Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act
- Name changes
- Powers of attorney
- Wills

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FOR LEGAL ADVICE IN A PARTICULAR SITUATION, ALWAYS CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY.

NOTARY SERVICES

We have a legal staff of commissioned notaries for the State of California as well as Federal Notaries with authority granted by Title 10 U.S.C. 1044a. Notary Services are available on a walk-in basis. You are required to provide your Military I.D. card as well as your unexpired Driver's License or Passport in order to utilize the Notary Services.

DIVORCE SEMINARS

32nd Street Base:

Monday	1245	Overview of Dissolution Procedure
Tuesday	1245	Paperwork Procedures in California
Thursday	1245	Paperwork Procedures in California

No appointment is necessary for divorce seminars; however, due to limited space, you may be turned away and asked to attend the next seminar when it reaches its maximum capacity.

LIMITATIONS ON SERVICE

The Legal Assistance Department will not provide assistance on the following services:

- Command advice
- Defense advice (except civilian misdemeanors)
- Business advice
- Financial planning advice
- Drafting of living trusts
- Representation in court
- Advice to Third Parties (who are not eligible for services)
- Advice to individuals already represented by an attorney
- Assistance where there is a conflict of interest (e.g. divorce advice to both husband and wife)

In addition, will clients with significant financial assets may be asked to seek the advice of civilian counsel off-base.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

A legal assistance attorney is available by appointment Monday from 0800 - 1100 and 1300 - 1500, Tuesday through Thursday (excluding the fourth Wednesday of the month) from 0900 - 1100 and 1300 - 1500 and Friday from 0900 - 1045. Powers of attorney and notaries are available at the same times. For more information, please contact the Legal Assistance Office, located in Building 56, 32nd Street Naval Station, San Diego, CA, by telephone at (619) 556-2211, or our office at Naval Air Station North Island – Coronado, Building 318 – Second Deck, above the Fleet and Family Support Center, Saufley Road, by telephone at (619) 545-6437.

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