

Pro Bono

Veterans Assistance

The majority of those who serve our country return home healthy and with bright employment outlooks, but many don't.

Tens of thousands of veterans live below the poverty line. The homeless rate among veterans is stark: the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that 131,000 veterans are homeless on any given night. Approximately twice that many experience homelessness over the course of a year. Conservatively, one out of every three homeless men sleeping in a doorway, alley, or box has served this country. It is for those who have served and are in need that many Nelson Mullins pro bono projects have been launched.



Assisting a veteran at the
Lawyers 4 Vets Clinic

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South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center, in partnership with William Jennings Dorn VA Medical Center and in coordination with and support from Nelson Mullins, launched the Lawyers 4 Vets pro bono legal clinic for lower-income veterans in South Carolina in May 2014. As of November 2015, the toll-free appointment line has received and returned more than 1,500 calls from veterans seeking legal help.

The Lawyers 4 Vets clinic eliminates one more barrier keeping Veterans from the productive civilian life they deserve.

*-Sue Berkowitz, Executive Director,
S.C. Appleseed Legal Justice*

As a pro bono legal clinic, Lawyers 4 Vets sets appointments for these veterans seeking legal guidance or representation from volunteer South Carolina Bar attorneys for child support modifications, expungements or pardons, simple wills, identification, and consumer protection matters. The clinic takes place every third Thursday at the VA Medical Center. Numerous law firms have adopted the monthly clinic to advise the veterans. Nelson Mullins dedicated approximately 1,200 hours since 2014 to support the clinic.

Adopt-A-Base Program

Nelson Mullins tax lawyers are among a few firms nationwide participating in the Adopt-A-Base Program. In this program, the ABA Tax Section partners with the military and the IRS to help train service members to become volunteer tax return preparers through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). VITA is used by many military installations so that members of the armed forces and their families have access to free tax preparation services.

Firm attorneys in South Carolina and North Carolina serve as VITA instructors to teach service members at the following military bases: Fort Bragg, N.C.; Shaw Air Force Base and Fort Jackson, S.C.; Fort Gordon, GA.; and Air Force Base and Naval Weapons Station, Charleston, S.C.

“This is the third year Firm tax lawyers have volunteered to cover the tax law segment of the VITA training. We enjoy sharing our experience and expertise in the classroom. It is a rewarding experience for everyone.” - Wells Hall, Charlotte office partner