

## **Military Assistance Panel-Protecting the Protectors *Legal Assistance in Oregon***

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**The Oregon State Bar's Military Assistance Panel connects Oregon lawyers with Oregon's deployed servicemembers and their dependents in need of legal help.**

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Since 2003 the Oregon State Bar has been addressing legal concerns that Oregon service members may face immediately before, after, and during deployment. Federal and state legislation provide additional legal protection to persons entering or called to active duty in the US armed forces. Information on the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act (SCRA) and state laws protecting service men and women is available [here](#).

Although many military personnel and their families are aware of the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act (SCRA), they may not have the legal expertise or financial resources available to take advantage of the Act's important provisions. The Oregon State Bar administers a referral panel of lawyers willing to help. Our volunteer lawyers have been trained to provide legal assistance primarily relating to the SCRA. Many volunteers are also willing to assist with family law, consumer/credit law, real property/landlord-tenant law, and estate planning issues.

Volunteer lawyers expect to give at least one hour of advice and counseling to a client free of charge. It is up to the lawyer and client to decide whether to continue the lawyer/client relationship beyond the pro bono consultation.

### ***How It Works:***

**To participate, servicemembers –**

- 1. Contact the Oregon Army National Guard at (503) 584-3571 for an authorization (military reference or "MR") number; and then,**
- 2. Contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 for a referral to a participating lawyer; and then,**
- 3. Contact the participating lawyer.**

## Military Assistance Panel Program Registration

Oregon State Bar, Military Assistance Panel, PO Box 231935, Tigard, OR 97281-1935  
Voice: (503) 620-0222 ext. 408 or (800) 452-8260 ext. 408 Fax: (503) 431-6444  
E-mail: [ris@osbar.org](mailto:ris@osbar.org)

In addition to advising on the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act, please check the referral categories under each panel for which you would like to receive referrals. Complete the signature and acknowledgment section, and return this form to the OSB.

### Substantive Law Referral Categories

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1902 Bankruptcy         | <input type="checkbox"/> 1912 Taxation        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1904 Consumer           | <input type="checkbox"/> 1913 Estate Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1905 Criminal Law       | <input type="checkbox"/> 1915 Immigration     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1907 Family             | <input type="checkbox"/> 1917 Landlord/Tenant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1910 Labor & Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> 1999 Other _____     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1911 Real Property      |   |

### Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act training

A number of training options are available through the Oregon State Bar and the American Bar Association. Upon receipt of your completed registration form, we will e-mail a link to you that explains these training options.

### Signature and Acknowledgment

I am an active member of the Oregon State Bar in good standing and am not the subject of a formal disciplinary proceeding. I have also completed (or will complete prior to accepting referrals) CLE training on the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act. Please select one of the following:

- I maintain malpractice coverage with the Professional Liability Fund.
- I do not currently carry coverage with the Professional Liability Fund but will participate in the Military Assistance Panel Program through the special policy for OSB Certified Pro Bono Programs.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Bar # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to receive notices by  e-mail  fax

### Return Form to:

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