



Acknowledgement for referral of client (name):

You have been referred by your military legal assistance attorney to the American Bar Association's Military Pro Bono Project. Upon approval by a supervisory military attorney, we will attempt to connect you to a civilian attorney to provide you with pro bono (free) legal assistance to resolve your case.

This letter is intended to let you know about the services provided by the Project and what you can expect after you are referred. **This is your notice that the ABA Military Pro Bono Project will not be your lawyer and we are not responsible for how your case is handled by any lawyer.**

The Project will attempt to refer you for free legal help. We accept cases from military legal assistance offices world-wide and match eligible servicemember clients with pro bono attorneys in locations where the legal claims are based. As a referral service, we do not provide any legal advice or representation; the ABA Military Pro Bono Project only facilitates the connection between you and a pro bono attorney. And while the attorney has agreed to provide his or her time at no cost to you, you may be responsible for other expenses, like court costs or litigation fees. You should confirm your financial responsibility with the volunteer attorney.

We may not be able to find you an attorney. Because we rely upon attorneys to volunteer their time for free, we may be unable to find an available, willing pro bono attorney to take your case. This may be particularly true if your case is a particularly difficult one or based in a rural area, far from an urban center.

You are not required to use the attorney to whom you are referred. Even though you are being referred for no-fee legal assistance, it is up to you whether you want to use the attorney. We make no representation about the quality of any attorney you may find through this Project. The volunteer attorneys who sign up with the Project have stated to us that they are qualified and licensed to practice law in their states or territories, but we do not independently inquire into their backgrounds or qualifications. Therefore, you should exercise the same caution you should use if you had sought out the attorney on your own.

We will have access to confidential information regarding your case. When you were referred to the Project, we were provided with the information that you gave the military attorney about yourself and your case. We will treat this information with the utmost confidentiality and will disclose it only with your express consent, or when, after a check for conflicts, we find an attorney willing to take your case.

Please sign the acknowledgement below and return a copy of this letter to us at your earliest opportunity so that we know you read and understood the terms of the Military Pro Bono Project. You are welcome to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding any of the above or resulting from your participation with the Project. You or your legal assistance attorney may return this form by email or fax to my attention, or send it by first-class mail, and I will begin a search for your attorney upon receipt of this signed letter—a faxed signature will be treated as an original. My contact information is below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason T. Vail'.

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APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: I have read and understood the foregoing information regarding my participation in the ABA Military Pro Bono Project. I consent to the terms of the Project described herein.

Signature