

Course Description:

Attendees will receive an overview of working with veteran clients, the legal needs of veterans in Illinois and how they can provide them with legal assistance through the Illinois Armed Forces Legal Aid Network (IL-AFLAN) and other sources. The discussion will include an overview of the military structure and culture to better understand your pro bono client's perspective, the legal rights and benefits they are entitled to, common legal issues faced by the veteran population, and the means by which lawyers can help them obtain those benefits and rights.

Learning Objectives:

1. Attendees will gain insight into the legal needs of veterans and how they can provide pro bono assistance to veterans.
2. Attendees will be provided with an overview of the military culture and structure so that they can provide their pro bono clients with the best legal assistance.
3. Attendees will learn what benefits veterans are entitled to, the resources available to them, and how to access them.
4. Attendees will also learn about other specific civil legal issues that veterans face and how pro bono attorneys can address them.