

Veteran & Military Servicemember Research Guide

Overview

This research guide provides information and resources specific to servicemembers, veterans, and military family members. The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

Statutes & Codes

Texas Government Code, Chapter 657 – Veteran’s Employment Preferences
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/GV/pdf/GV.657.pdf>

U.S. Code, Title 38 – Veteran’s Benefits and the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act:
<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CPRT-112HPRT65875/pdf/CPRT-112HPRT65875.pdf>

Secondary Resources in Print

The Military Divorce Handbook: A Practical Guide to Representing Military Personnel and Their Families, 2d edition KF 535.S85

Military Criminal Justice: Practice and Procedure KF 7620.S34

CLE Materials

Advanced Family Law Course KFT 1294.S83

- 2002 Ch. 16: Soldiers, Sailors, & Military Divorces by James N. Higdon

Advanced Family Law Drafting KFT 1294.A92

- 2013 Ch. 20: Drafting Issues and Pitfalls in a Military Divorce by James N. Higdon
- 2001 Ch. P: Drafting to Incorporate changes in Military and Federal QDRO’s by James N. Higdon

Marriage Dissolution Institute KFT 1300.M372

- 2022 Ch. 5 Should’ve Been a Cowboy: Military Issue Other Than Retirement

Online Resources

Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA):

- United States Department of Justice
<https://www.justice.gov/servicemembers/servicemembers-veterans-and-military-family-members>
- American Bar Association
https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_services/milvets/aba_home_front/information_center/servicemembers_civil_relief_act/enforcing_your_rights_under_scra/

Other Resources:

- Veteran Service Tarrant County
<http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/veteran-services.html>
- Military and Overseas Voting by Mail
<http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/elections/Early-Voting-Information/Military-and-Overseas-Voting.html>
- Child Support Services – Additional Resources for Veterans and Military Families
<http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/domestic-relations-office/child-support/additional-resources/veterans-and-military-families.html>

- Texas State Law Library - Veterans Resources
<https://guides.sll.texas.gov/veterans-resources>
- Texas Law Help (www.texaslawhelp.org)
<https://texaslawhelp.org/veterans-military>
- Tips for Military Parents
www.militarychild.org

Legal Assistance

Legal Assistance for Military Personnel

- The American Bar Association has a Standing Committee on Legal Assistance for Military Personnel. Additional information is available at
<https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal-assistance-military-personnel/>
- Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans also provides services. Additional information is available at <https://txltxv.org/>
 - Phone: 817-546-4460

