

WHAT IS ABA FREE LEGAL ANSWERS?

ABA Free Legal Answers is a virtual legal advice portal for users to pose legal questions online to volunteer attorneys:

- Users must meet income eligibility guidelines.
- Questions must be regarding civil legal matters.
- Links will be provided to lawyer referral and other legal services projects for those not eligible or who need more in-depth legal representation.

ABA Free Legal Answers increases services to low-income populations:

- Providing brief advice can prevent larger legal crises from developing.
- Allows users in rural areas to access legal resources from their home.
- Provision of brief advice allows legal services staff attorneys to focus on full representation.

ABA Free Legal Answers increases pro bono opportunities:

- Convenient pro bono opportunity that attorneys can fit into their schedule.
- Attorneys can log in and provide answers 24/7/365.
- Reaches volunteer populations with restricted time in which to provide pro bono, such as stay-at-home parents, corporate attorneys, and government attorneys.

The American Bar Association offers:

- Malpractice insurance for all volunteer attorneys.
- A national staff person to maintain the site, manage the queue and collect and analyze data.



HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE AS A PRO BONO ATTORNEY TO HELP VETERANS?

Provide pro bono help through **ABA Free Legal Answers!**

- In collaboration with the ABA Military & Veterans Legal Center and ABA Free Legal Answers, attorneys can volunteer to answer questions from veterans and qualified individuals.
- Attorneys who are licensed and in good standing in their state and are accredited with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) are eligible to answer veteran-related questions.
- Visit ABAFederal.FreeLegalAnswers.org and click on "Volunteer Attorney Registration."

Help those who have served our country:

- Veterans—along with eligible dependents and survivors—can ask about VA benefits, discharge upgrades, and similar federal veterans' legal issues.

With the mobile-friendly platform of ABA Free Legal Answers, you can:

- Answer civil legal questions from the comfort of your home or office.
- Refine your legal advice by researching relevant statutes, regulations and caselaw and/or confer with colleagues before submitting your response.
- "Get your feet wet" with providing pro bono legal assistance.

QUESTIONS?

- If you are interested in learning more about how you can participate in **ABA Free Legal Answers** to help veterans, contact the ABA Free Legal Answers Federal Administrator at rachael.derham@americanbar.org for veterans' issues.
- Interested in answering state-specific civil questions, such as family law or housing? Visit the main ABA Free Legal Answers website, at FreeLegalAnswers.org, and choose your state.