“The Legal Clinic provided me excellent support and guidance to assist me in defending my legal rights as a deployed service member.”

—CDR, USNR

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MASON VETERANS AND SERVICEMEMBERS LEGAL CLINIC (M-VETS)

The first clinic of its kind at any law school in the United States of America, M-VETS provides free representation to servicemembers, veterans and dependent family members in cases of manifest injustice. It likewise represents those who cannot retain counsel without undue hardship, ensuring our servicemembers and veterans are properly represented.

The Antonin Scalia Law School has always been recognized as a safe harbor and advocate for military servicemembers and veterans. It boasts a high percentage of veterans among its JD graduates. M-VETS serves the community and provides opportunities for law students to share in Mason’s tradition of respect for our veterans.

Under supervision, students in the clinic assist clients with matters before agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia, federal agencies, and in local and federal courts. The clinic serves the dual purpose of helping our servicemembers and their families as well as providing substantive legal training for our students in an environment designed to give back to the military community.

M-VETS fights for veterans’ benefits
- NOD’s, Board of Veterans Appeals, and CAVC Matters
- Pension/Dependency and Indemnity Compensation
- Discharge Upgrade Applications

M-VETS advocates for servicemembers
- PEB/MEB/Medical Discharge Assistance
- Record Corrections
- Military Pay and Entitlements

M-VETS serves families
- Family/Domestic Relations
  - Uncontested Divorces
  - Step-Parent Adoptions
  - Name Changes
  - Child Support Modifications/Registrations of Foreign Orders

M-VETS at home and in the marketplace
- Civil Litigation
  - Consumer Protection
  - Housing and Landlord/Tenant
  - Contract Matters

Mason students have contributed thousands of hours in pro-bono services for veterans, servicemembers and their families. M-VETS has helped more than 250 clients since its inception.

Due to demand, M-VETS does not accept walk-ins.
By Appointment Only

PRAISE FOR M-VETS

“The Legal Clinic offered much-needed support and advice during a difficult and emotional time in my life as I navigated through a divorce from my military spouse.”

–USMC SPOUSE

“If I had to sum up what the clinic has meant for my family and me, it would be ‘hope’. They took on our breach of contract matter, which we could never have afforded to pursue on our own, and fought to get justice for us and compensation for all we had lost.”

–CPL AND SPOUSE, US ARMY