Keep it Legal, Volume 4 Air Force Legal Assistance Website Places Help At Your Fingertips

Do you have questions about automobile purchases? Need a will or a power of attorney? The Air Force legal community continually strives to find better ways to serve military members, retirees, and their dependents. A few years ago a legal assistance website was launched to help us serve you better. You can find it at https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil. The site is public, is available from any computer, and does not require you to use a Common Access Card.

The website offers short information papers on common legal assistance topics. You can review basic information regarding things that commonly affect military members such as consumer affairs, identity theft, dependent support, family law, wills, or powers of attorney. There is also a Legal Services Locator to help you find your nearest military legal office within the continental United States.

Specifically helpful with will preparation, the site also allows you to complete an online legal worksheet prior to your visit to the legal office. After eligible legal assistance beneficiaries complete the will worksheet online, they will receive a ticket number. When you call to make your appointment, provide the receptionist with your ticket number. Please note that no legal documents can be printed from this website -- you are required to visit the nearest Air Force legal office to obtain your legal document. Your information will be retrieved from the secure website and you will be able to review your legal documents during your legal assistance appointment. Only Air Force legal offices have access to the data you enter here, and all data entered is deleted after 90 days.

Following your visit to an Air Force legal office, you can submit anonymous comments through our online survey available on the site.

Please note the following when using the Air Force Legal Assistance website:

- The website does not produce legal documents.
- All information contained within the website is for educational and informational purposes.
- Nothing contained in the website is a substitute for the competent legal advice of a licensed attorney.
- You are not required to use this website prior to obtaining legal assistance at your nearest military legal office.

Lt Gen (ret.) Richard C. Harding summed up the Corps' efforts: "Many of our clients use the Internet to take care of personal and financial matters already. Knowing that, we created a website that would provide access to legal assistance information and provide worksheets necessary to obtain legal forms, like powers of attorney and wills, in the base legal office. The website is an important supplement to Airmen's legal assistance benefits and a time-saver for the

Airmen and their families. I encourage military members, dependents, and retirees to try this new website..."

Call (765) 688-2190 to schedule a legal assistance appointment at Grissom Air Reserve Base. Legal assistance by a Judge Advocate is available, by appointment only, every Tuesday from 0900-1100 and Thursday from 1300-1500; notary services and powers of attorney are available on a walk-in basis. Legal assistance is also available on a walk-in basis during UTA weekends from 1330-1530 on Saturdays and 0900-1100 on Sundays. The office is located in the Wing Headquarters building (596), room 212. Please note that legal assistance cannot be given over the phone, and that you must instead visit the office in-person.

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