Stateside Legal - Content of Primary pages
Home Page
Tab: "About us" (explaining origins of new website and providing contact info)
Tab: Explaining significance of various military status descriptions, including link to search engine identifying whether specific
person has current military status
 Streaming Video Explanation
Tab: Explaining role of JAG and VA/VSO providers and search engine/info on how to identify resources in a particular locale
Tab: Explaining role of LSC grantee providers with searcch engine linking visitors to local LSC grantees and websites;
Tab: General "legal help" overview page listing various topic headings
 Instructional Screen Cast for site use
Tab: For Advocates and Attorneys: explaining the site for their use
Special content for advocates and attorneys
Content of Sub Pages
Terms of Use
Privacy Policy
Disclaimer
Site Map
Contact
Other non-legal content/task:
Meta Information Content:
 Search Engine site description
 Key word development
 SEO through high level link exchange
General Housing Topic Overview
Foreclosure

- Foreclosure info for veterans
- Foreclosure info for active duty military
- Links to other sites with legal info on foreclosure
- Links to State-specific sites with foreclosure info for IMCs
- VA Mortgage Loans and Rights impacting Foreclosure, Refinancing
- Search engine referral
- Interactive Forms:

Automated Petition/Order with Instructions: Requesting the Court to stay payment on loan obligations incurred prior to active duty because the IMC's ability to pay the loan payment is "materially affected" by military service. (Consumer/Debt – Active Duty)

Automated Letter with Instructions: Written Notice to Mortgage Lenders stating that the mortgage rate on property purchased before active duty status must drop down to 6 percent or less because the IMC's ability to pay has been "materially affected" by going on active duty. (Real Property/Mortgages – Active Duty)

General Overview of Tenant Rights, noting impact of State law

• Eviction issues for active duty military (SCRA)

• Interactive forms allowing IMC to trigger SCRA protection

- Automated Letter with Instructions: Written Notice Releasing Service Member from Rental Agreement (Landlord/Tenant Area Active Duty
- Automated Letter with Instructions: Written Notice Demanding Return of Security Deposit or Prepaid Rent (Landlord/Tenant Area – Active Duty)
- Automated Petition/Order with Instructions: Requesting the Court to stay eviction because the IMC's ability to pay the rent is "materially affected" by military service. (Landlord/Tenant area – Active Duty)

Streaming Video Overview and content

• Eviction issues for other IMCs

- Eviction issues related to reasonable accommodation of a disability
- Links to other sites with legal info on eviction/reasonable accommodation
- o Links to State-specific sites with eviction/reasonable accommodation info for IMCs

Search engine referral

General Overview on Housing Discrimination
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• Links to other sites with legal info on housing discrimination

o Links to State-specific sites with info on housing discrimination for IMCs

• Search engine referral

General Consumer Law topic overview

General consumer credit overview

SCRA provisions for active duty military

Interactive forms allowing IMC to trigger SCRA protections with various creditors:

Automated Letter with Instructions: Written Notice to Credit Card Companies stating that the interest rate on purchases the IMC made before going on active duty must drop to down to 6 percent or less because the IMC's ability to pay has been "materially affected" by going on active duty. (Consumer/Debt - Active Duty)

Automated Letter with Instructions: Written Notice to Credit Record Company stating that the any adverse financial information should be removed from credit report and that such information cannot be used against the IMC for future financial Arrangements. (Consumer/Debt - Active Duty)

Links to other sites with legal info on consumer credit

Links to State-specific sites with consumer credit info for IMCs

Search engine referral

Interactive Self-Help Court Forms and Pleadings:

Automated Petition/Order with Instructions: Requesting the Court to stay paymentss on loan obligations incurred prior to active duty because the IMC's ability to pay the loan payment is "materially affected" by military service. (Consumer/Debt – Active Duty)

Automated Petition/Order with Instructions: Requesting the Court to set aside default judgment against IMC due to improper affidavit misstating active duty status. (General – Active Duty)

General Family Law Topic Overview

General Divorce/parental rights overview, noting impact of State law

Special provision related to active duty military

Interactive forms/pleadings related to asserting rights/seeking benefits on behalf of an IMC spouse/child;

Automated Document with Instructions: Development of materials related to specific protections afforded under the SSCRA for

dometic proceedings as determined by further research. (Family – Active Duty)

Search engine referral

General domestic violence/spousal abuse overview, noting impact of State law

Special provision related to active duty military

Special forms/pleadings related to asserting rights/seeking benefits on behalf of an IMC spouse/child;

Automated Letter with Instructions: Letter written to local law enforcement agency stating that Orders of Protections have Full Faith and Credit in any state and that foreign national spouse receive protection from domestic violence under the ARKANSASWA. (Family/Domestic Abuse/ – Multiple Statuses)

Domestic Relations (Other): IMC's may have other unique needs involving general family law matters including

Adoption issues (international/domestic)

Nonsupport

Change of name

Paternity

Visitation and relocation of Custodial PArkansasent

Domestic Relations (Other Federal Law implicating IMC's: In addition to rights provided in SSCRA regarding judicial proceedings, several federal statutes that address child custody, visitation, and child support affect military families because they mobile, often moving from state to state.

Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act. Makes it clearr which state has jurisdiction to hear child custody matters.

PKPA: Requires states to give full faith and credit to child custody and visitation orders made by another state's courts. Child support orders are also enforceable in all states, not just the state where issued.

Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction: Addresses the situation where a child is taken out of the country by a parent.

Full Faith and Credit issues.

Other Specific Protections afforded under the SSCRA for domestic proceedings as determined

General immigration law overview in context of IMC spouse/child

VAWA and Non-resident Spousal Abuse

Links to other sites with legal info on immigration law

Links to state specific sites with immigration law info for IMCs

Search engine referral

General Federal Tax Law Topic Overview

General federal tax law overview

Special IRS form allowing spouse to file taxes for deployed IMC

Links to other sites with legal info on federal tax laws

Links to State specific sites with federal tax law info for IMCs

Search engine referral

Interactive Forms:

Automated Letter with Instructions: Written Notice to the IRS/State that the IMC's ability to pay has been "materially affected" by going on active duty and that collection of the taxes should be deferred for up to six months after the end of your service without interest or penalties.

Automated Letter with Instructions: Written Notice to State (for state tax purposes) that the IMC's legal residence is not their duty station.

General Health Law Topic Overview

General Medicaid overview

General Medicare overview

Overview of health care benefits for IMCs

TriCare system for IMCs

TriCare system for IMC dependents

VA health system for veterans

Individual rights/ Disability Generally:

Federal Disability Laws may apply to many service Members.

Rehabilitation Act.

Americans with Disabilities Act.

Related Acts (such as Architectural barriers act, etc).

General Income Maintenance Topic Overview

General overview of variouss welfare benefits (TANF, Food Stamps, etc.)

General overview of VA benefit system

VA disability compensation system explained

VA needs-based disability compensation system explained

Benefits calculator for VA needs-based disability compensation

Links to other sites with legal info on disability compensation

Search engine referral

Overview of Appellate Process

Available Advocates by State

Automated Forms and Instructions: Development of pro se materials from the U.S. Courts of Veterans Claims (see <u>http://www.vetapp.uscourts.gov/court_forms/CourtForms.cfm</u>) to be determined as needed in coordination with the advocate development team.

Employment and USERRA Resources

Summary of USERRA provisions and information about enforcement resources

Automated Letter with Instructions: Written Notice to employer of any "window" of anticipated military activity, dates IMC has applied for orders, or dates that the IMC has been notified of possible involuntary recall. (Employmeent – Reservist/ National Guard)

Automated Letter with Instructions: Written Notice to employer stating reemployment rights as provided by the USERRA even if the IMC's civilian job is described as "temporary." (Employment – Reservist/ National Guard)

Automated Letter with Instructions: Written Notice to employer stating reemployment rights as provided by the USERRA and the employer's duty to support 5 years total voluntary military service (recalculation if needed). (Employment – Reservist/Guard)

Automated Letter with Instructions: Written Notice to employer stating reemploymeent rights as provided by the USERRA and the

employer's duty to extend reinstatement time for up to 2 years for IMC's due to a disability incurred or aggravated during military service, and those employers must make reasonable accommodations for the impairment. (Employment – Reservist/ National Guard)

Automated Letter with Instructions: Written Notice to employer stating reemployment rights as provided by the USERRA and the employer's duty to provide type of job position due based on length of your military service (e.g. 1-90 days; 91 or more days) (Employment–Reservist/National Guard)

Automated Letter with Instructions: Written Notice to employer stating reemploymen rights as provided by the USERRA and the employer's duty to provide type of job position due based on length of your military service (e.g. 1-90 days; 91 or more days) (Employment– Reservist/ National Guard)

Automated Letter with Instructions: Written Notice to employer stating reemployment rights as provided by the USERRA and the employer's duty to provide certain pension options (if applicable) after reemployment (Employment – Reservist/National Guard)

Automated Letter with Instructions: Written Notice to employer stating the IMC's rights against discrimination from the employer as provided by the USERRA in making hiring decisions or in taking adverse employment actions against the IMC. (Employment – Reservist/National Guard)

Wills and Estates Basics Overview:

Care of Family members. Information useful to military members regarding wills, trusts, power of attorneys, guardianships, life insurance, etc.

Automated Form with Instructions: Declarasation Relating to Use of Life-Sustaining Treatment (Living Will) (Health/Estate – Multiple Statuses)

Automated Form with Instructions: Power of Attorney for a Minor that can be used for a caregiver of a minor child that is not the custodial parent or legal guardian. This document may be partcularly helpful when establishing residency for the children's school enrollment or to provide medical consent.

Discussions with the Wills for Heroes Program may lead to a sharng of resources of pre-program Med(desktop version/not online) Hot Docs simple wills, and other end of life documents or the many states that have partnered with W2H, including Arkansas. Trust information for children of non-married IMC's.