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About the VAP

The Veterans Advocacy Project (VAP) at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law combines legal education with public service, assisting low income and homeless veterans with their legal needs.

Under the supervision of licensed attorneys, student attorneys assist veterans with their Veterans Administration (VA) benefits issues. Students also help veterans seek discharge upgrades that may be preventing them from obtaining benefits to which they are entitled.

While the VAP's focus is on VA benefits and discharge upgrades, with the help of the Colorado Bar Association, the project also refers non-VA cases to other lawyers. Eager VAP students, many veterans themselves, do everything they can to help our veterans, even if the VAP cannot provide any legal assistance.

The VAP is located at 1247 Santa Fe Drive in Denver, at the Volunteers of America Veteran Services Center.

Legal Services

- Assistance with filing the initial claim for benefits (in limited cases)
- Representation of veterans with appeals at the Denver VA Regional Office
- Representation of veterans with appeals before the Board of Veterans Appeals
- Representation of veterans facing reduction and/or severance of VA compensation
- Representation before the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims or the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- Assistance for veterans suffering from PTSD seeking discharge upgrades from discharges under “other than honorable conditions”
- Referrals for cases other than those listed above—often veterans need referrals for family, bankruptcy, landlord-tenant, and other non-military issues

How You Can Help

- Interested persons can donate hours at the VAP office in the Volunteers of America Veteran Services Center. (Denver Law students cannot give legal advice. Having a licensed attorney at the VAP offers the greatest utilization of VAP resources for veterans seeking help.)
- If you are a VA accredited attorney, you can agree to supervise a student in a VA case.
- Please help us spread the word that the VAP is open and available.
- Monetary donations help us help those who have given so much to all of us.