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What is a Legal Advice Clinic?

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A legal advice clinic is an opportunity to meet with volunteer attorneys to discuss your legal questions and issues. To attend a clinic, there are no restrictions on financial eligibility or legal issues. The only restriction is that the Veterans Clinics are for Veterans or surviving spouses of veterans.

What should I expect at a clinic?

When you arrive at a clinic, you will be asked to sign in with your name and legal issue, and then given a folder and our application. Once the application is complete (or if you downloaded our application from this website) we will review it for completeness. When the next attorney is available, we will sit you at a table with them to discuss your legal issue. Once they have gone over the issue(s), they will bring you to the exit table where our staff will review the file and give you a copy of the Applicant Agreement before you leave. If your issue requires continued representation by an attorney, we will make scans of any documents you have with you and you will hear from us within 10 days to tell you if we can find an attorney for the case. It may still take a few months to find an attorney.

What should I bring to a clinic?

The documents we will need to properly review your legal case depend on the type of case. **If you do not have any of the documents, you can still attend our clinics and get legal advice.** See the list below for an example of some of the documents we might need:

- Photo ID
- For Veterans, proof of Veteran Status
- Birth Certificates (for custody issues)
- Acknowledgment's of Paternity (for custody issues)
- Doctor's Diagnoses (for guardianship issues)
- SSI Award letters (for guardianship issues)

- IRS Letters (for income tax issues)
- Other Person's address (whether it is a spouse in a divorce case or a landlord in a landlord tenant case)
- Lease (for landlord tenant issues)
- Contracts (for consumer issues)
- Any other relevant documents you have about your legal issue.

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