

**AFFIDAVIT IN COMPLIANCE WITH
RULE 1A:6(b)(3) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia**

NAME of Applicant: _____

I, _____ (full legal name) do hereby certify that I am the
_____(commanding officer or staff judge advocate or chief legal officer)
of _____ (name of military base) where the
above-named applicant is employed, stationed or assigned. I further certify that the applicant is serving as a lawyer to
provide legal services exclusively for the military, that the nature of the applicant's employment/service conforms to the
requirements of Rule 1A:6 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia and that I shall notify the Virginia State Bar
immediately upon the termination of the applicant's employment/service at this military base. I further certify that the
applicant and I have read and understand the attached regulations and limitations imposed on Registered Military Legal
Assistance Attorneys by the Supreme Court of Virginia. To confirm that we shall abide by these regulations and
limitations, the applicant and I have signed the bottom of each page.

(Signature)

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

COUNTY/CITY OF _____, to-wit:

I, a Notary Public for the jurisdiction aforesaid, certify that this day personally appeared before me in the
County/City of _____, Virginia,

_____, (name of affiant)

who thereupon made oath that all statements set out above are true and complete.

Given under my hand this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public

My Commission expires _____, 20_____.

(SEAL)

Each lawyer issued a Military Legal Assistance Attorney Certificate shall immediately register as an active member of the Virginia State Bar, with his or her practice limited as provided in Rule 1A:6, and pay to the Virginia State Bar the same dues required of regularly admitted active members. (The requirement to pay dues shall be waived for a lawyer during the first two years immediately following the initial issue of a Military Legal Assistance Attorney Certificate to that lawyer.)

The practice of a lawyer registered under Rule 1A:6 shall be limited within this Commonwealth to practice exclusively pursuant to the laws, rules, and regulations governing the military services, and may include appearing before a court or tribunal of this Commonwealth as counsel for a client eligible for legal assistance on:

- (1) Adoptions,
- (2) Guardianships,
- (3) Name changes,
- (4) Divorces,
- (5) Paternity,
- (6) Child custody and visitation, and child and spousal support,
- (7) Landlord-tenant disputes on behalf of tenants,
- (8) Consumer advocacy cases involving alleged breaches of contracts or warranties, repossession, or fraud,
- (9) Garnishment defense,
- (10) Probate,
- (11) Enforcement of rights under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 (50 U.S. Code App. §§ 501-548, 560-593),
- (12) Enforcement of rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (38 U.S. Code §§ 4301-4333), and
- (13) Such other cases within the discretion of the court or tribunal before which the matter is pending.

Representation in proceedings before courts or tribunals of this Commonwealth shall be limited to low-income legal assistance clients for whom hiring a lawyer in private practice would entail a substantial financial hardship to themselves or their families. All pleadings filed by a legal assistance attorney will cite Rule 1A:6, include the name, complete address, and telephone number of the military legal office representing the client and the name, rank or grade, and armed service of the lawyer registered under Rule 1A:6 providing representation.

No lawyer registered under Rule 1A:6 shall (i) undertake to represent any person other than an eligible legal assistance client before a court or tribunal of this Commonwealth, (ii) offer to provide legal services in this Commonwealth to any person other than as authorized by his or her military service, (iii) undertake to provide legal services in this Commonwealth to any person other than as authorized by his or her military service, or (iv) hold himself or herself out in this Commonwealth to be authorized to provide legal services to any person other than as authorized by his or her military service.

Representing clients eligible for legal assistance in the courts or tribunals of this Commonwealth under Rule 1A:6 shall be deemed the practice of law and shall subject the lawyer to all rules governing the practice of law in Virginia, including the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct and the Rules of Procedure for Disciplining Lawyers (Rules of Court, Pt. 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13). Jurisdiction of the Virginia State Bar shall continue whether or not the lawyer retains the Military Legal Assistance Attorney Certificate and irrespective of the lawyer's presence in Virginia.

Affiant's Signature: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Each person registered with the Virginia State Bar as an active member on the basis of a Military Legal Assistance Attorney Certificate shall be subject to the same membership obligations as other active members, including completion of the required Professionalism Course and annual Mandatory Continuing Education requirements. A lawyer registered under Rule 1A:6 shall use as his or her address of record with the Virginia State Bar the military address in Virginia of the commanding officer, staff judge advocate or chief legal officer which filed the affidavit on the lawyer's behalf.

Each person issued a Military Legal Assistance Attorney Certificate shall promptly report to the Virginia State Bar any change in employment or military service, any change in bar membership status in any state or territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia where the applicant has been admitted to the practice of law, or the imposition of any disciplinary sanction in a state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia or by any federal court or agency where the applicant has been admitted to the practice of law.

The limited authority to practice law which may be granted under Rule 1A:6 shall be automatically terminated when (i) the lawyer is no longer employed, stationed, or assigned at the military base in Virginia from which affidavit required by Rule 1A:6 was filed, (ii) the lawyer has been admitted to the practice of law in this state by examination or pursuant to any other provision of part 1A of these Rules, (iii) the lawyer fails to comply with any provision of Rule 1A:6, (iv) the lawyer fails to maintain current good standing as an active member of a bar in at least one state or territory of the United States, other than Virginia, or the District of Columbia, or (v) when suspended or disbarred for disciplinary reasons in any state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia or by any federal court or agency where the lawyer has been admitted to the practice of law. If a lawyer is no longer employed, stationed, or assigned at the military base in Virginia from which affidavit required by Rule 1A:6 was filed, but the lawyer, within six months after the last day of employment or service, is re-employed by, or militarily reassigned to, the same military base or another military base in Virginia filing the affidavit required by Rule 1A:6, the Military Legal Assistance Attorney Certificate shall be reinstated upon evidence satisfactory to the Board that the lawyer remains in full compliance with all requirements of Rule 1A:6.

The period of time a lawyer practices law full time on the basis of a Military Legal Assistance Attorney Certificate issued pursuant to Rule 1A:6 shall be considered in determining whether such lawyer has fulfilled the requirements for admission to practice law in this Commonwealth without examination under Rule 1A:1 and any guidelines approved by the Supreme Court of Virginia for review of applications for admission without examination.

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