

# PRESIDENTIAL FOCUS ON VETERANS' LEGAL SERVICES



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**LINDA A. KLEIN**  
ABA PRESIDENT, 2016-2017

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• SPECIAL MIDYEAR MEETING PROGRAM •

## **CALLED TO SERVE** **ADDRESSING THE LEGAL NEEDS OF VETERANS**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017 • 9:00 AM-11:00 AM  
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The legal profession owes more than gratitude to our nation's veterans. Legal barriers often make it difficult, if not impossible, for those who have served in the military to receive the rightful benefits and services that federal and state governments provide. ABA President Linda Klein's Veterans Legal Services Commission is positioning the ABA to lead a holistic, sustainable effort to ensure that veterans have access to justice and receive the legal support they, their families, and their caregivers deserve.

As part of this effort, members of the Access to Legal Services Workgroup of the Veterans Legal Services Commission will present a special Midyear Meeting program for bar leaders, public interest, private and government attorneys, and law schools on the legal needs of veterans and how to establish pro bono initiatives to address these needs in their own communities. The panel will include information on the value of medical-legal partnerships and how to create them; establishment of legal clinics at or near VA Medical Centers to aid this population in a myriad of legal issues; innovative ideas to address the legal needs of rural veterans; and how to work with law schools to aid or establish law school clinics that assist veterans. The panel will also discuss the need to engage in culturally competent practices when representing veterans including referrals to wraparound services to address the needs of veterans and their families holistically. All Midyear Meeting registrants are encouraged to attend.

