



Federal Bar Association

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION'S WILLS FOR VETERANS **FBA Attorneys Across The Country Help U.S. Veterans By Creating Basic Wills Pro Bono**

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Arlington, VA - Wills for Veterans is a new initiative of the Federal Bar Association that began at the national level in February 2017. This is a pro bono project where participating FBA chapters are providing will drafting and signing services to any veterans in the local area. The FBA is encouraging all chapters to take part in this program on Thursday, November 9 to coincide with Veterans Day (November 11). All chapters will be free to execute the program as they see fit. So far, 18 chapters have already signed up. Volunteer attorneys, paralegals, and notaries will perform the services, and volunteer witnesses will donate their time.

To avoid any type of malpractice liability, the chapters will ensure that all attorneys have an active malpractice policy and that the wills are limited to basic estate planning (no trusts, etc.) If a client needs more specialized services, the chapters will provide a list of local practicing estate attorneys who were available at a reduced rate.

Participating chapters so far: Baton Rouge Chapter, Broward County Chapter, Dayton Chapter, District of Columbia Chapter, Eastern District of Michigan Chapter, Idaho Chapter, Inland Empire Chapter, John W. Peck Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter, Massachusetts Chapter, Memphis/Mid-South Chapter, Minnesota Chapter, New Orleans Chapter, Northern District of Ohio Chapter, Northern District of West Virginia Chapter, Sacramento Chapter, San Antonio Chapter, Tampa Bay Chapter, and William D. Browning Tucson Chapter.

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About the Federal Bar Association:

The Federal Bar Association consists of more than 19,000 federal lawyers, including 1,500 federal judges, who work together to promote the sound administration of justice, quality, and independence of the judiciary. Through its multifaceted programs, the FBA advocates on federal issues that impact the practice of federal lawyers and the courts; provides opportunities for scholarship and education to the profession; delivers opportunities for judges and attorneys to professionally and socially interact; and promotes high standards of professional competence and ethical conduct. The mission of the Federal Bar Association includes serving not just the interests of federal judiciary and the federal practitioner, but also the interests of the community that they serve.

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