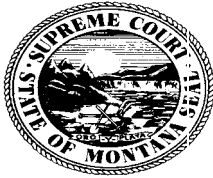


**The Supreme Court of Montana**  
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**OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED US**  
**Montana Attorneys for Montana Veterans (MAMV)**

The Montana Supreme Court, through its statewide Pro Bono Program in partnership with The University of Montana School of Law announces formation of Montana Attorneys For Montana Veterans (MAMV). MAMV is designed as a *pro bono* program to assist Montana Veterans with claims for disability benefits, preserving those benefits in their entirety for veterans.

**HERE'S HOW IT WORKS**

- Attorneys must to be accredited by the VA Office of the General Counsel.
- To become initially accredited, you must fill out a short 3-page application (VA Form 21a, attached) or visit <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA21a.pdf> and send to the VA Office of the General Counsel (listed on form.)
- An attorney's character and fitness to practice before the VA is presumed by certifying membership in good standing with the bar on Form 21a.
- An attorney may not assist a veteran with a VA benefits claim until the VA has accredited the attorney.
- In order to maintain accreditation, you must complete 3 hours of qualifying continuing education within 12 months of the date of accreditation.
- An additional 3 hours of continuing education must be completed within 3 years from the date of accreditation.
- The University of Montana School of Law is offering a unique opportunity to obtain 3 year obligation of 6 credits in a single program on July 13 and 14 (1 p.m. -4 p.m. each day).
- Additional courthouse video sites broadcasting the CLE will be established based on enrollment.
- The CLE is designed to familiarize you with representation before the VA, claims procedures, basic eligibility for VA benefits, right to appeal, disability compensation, dependency and indemnity compensation, and pension. Additional self-study is anticipated as with any new area of the law.

**Important Note:** You must receive VA accreditation prior to attending CLE in order to satisfy the accreditation requirements. Do not delay in submitting your application for accreditation. It is indicated that the application process takes 30 days, but is known to take up to 60 days. You must allow sufficient time in order to meet the July 13<sup>th</sup> CLE date.

To register for the CLE, obtain a fillable PDF version of the Application for Accreditation, or request a video cast location site contact the Supreme Court's Statewide Pro Bono Coordinator, Patty Fain at [pfain@mt.gov](mailto:pfain@mt.gov) or call 406/794-7824.