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APPLICATION FOR
MILITARY LAW AND VETERAN'S BENEFITS PANEL

This panel application includes the opportunity to provide pro bono legal services to veteran's seeking benefits under Class 3 – Veteran's Benefits and Veteran's Benefits Appeals of this application. For benefit appeals matters only, an attorney may collect a fee for service upon obtaining a favorable ruling of benefits owed. An applicant may be a non-attorney and still qualify for Class 3, so long as the non-attorney applicant is certified through the Veteran's Administration and achieves a score of 75 or more on the Veteran's Administration written exam. For non-attorney applicants to Class 3, please fill out your name, phone, fax, email, and the address for meeting veteran clients. For questions, please call (415) 782-9000 extension 8743 to speak with the Director of Public service Programs.

Name: _____ State Bar number:_____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Full time office address: _____

Mailing address (if different): _____

Number of years of continuous active practice in California: _____

Substantial Equivalent Experience

If you cannot meet the following requirements for panel membership, but believe that you qualify by reason of substantial, equivalent experience, you may submit an outline of such experience, as provided for in Rule 6 of the Lawyer Referral and Information Service Rules.

In order to receive referrals in the following classes, applicant must have completed representation of three matters within the class within the past three years.

Class 1 - Court Martial

Nature of Offense	Court or Court Martial Board	Date
1.		
2.		

3. _____

Class 2 - Administrative Discharge / Retention

Nature of Matter	Court or Hearing Board	Date
1.		
2.		
3.		

I had full responsibility for all cases listed in the application or, if not, I have attached an explanation.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Class 3 – Veteran's Benefits and Veteran's Benefits Appeals

In order to receive referrals to assist veterans with benefits and benefit appeals matters, applicant must have completed the training held on May 6, 2011, entitled "Advocating for Veterans – The Basics on Benefits, Discharge Upgrades and Cultural Competency" available at the Practicing Law Institute (PLI) website at http://www.pli.edu/Content.aspx?dsNav=Ns:sort_date|101|1|,N:4294924479-164.

Date attended or viewed webcast training of "Advocating for Veterans – The Basics on Benefits, Discharge Upgrades and Cultural Competency" :

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Applicant must also attach to this application a copy of his/her certificate of accreditation from the Veteran's Administration. To acquire your certification, please complete the attached application and follow the instructions to file. This form is available at http://www.va.gov/OGC/docs/Accred/VA21a.pdf. To speed up the application process, you can send an email to OGCAccreditationMailbox@va.gov with your application attached. **For non-attorney applicants**, please **also** attach with a copy of your certificate of accreditation, a copy of the notification received of your score on the Veteran's Administration written exam.

Please indicate below if you are interested to assist Veterans on a *pro bono* basis with Veteran benefit matters and/or Veteran's benefits appeals matters for which attorney's fees are available:

❒ I am interested to assist Veterans with benefit matters on a *pro bono* basis.

❒ I am interested to assist Veterans with benefit appeals cases.

Date: _____ Signature _____