



C-VETS – CUMBERLAND VETERANS LEGAL ASSISTANCE CLINIC

C-VETS, a new clinic at Samford University's Cumberland School of Law designed to provide legal assistance to veterans and their families in an eight county area of North Central Alabama: Bibb, Blount, Chilton, Cullman, Etowah, Jefferson, Shelby and Walker. The clinic will help veterans and their families for whom retaining legal counsel would be an undue hardship.

Representation of persons whose case is accepted by C-VETS will be by practicing attorneys assisted by law students or by law students authorized to provide legal representation supervised by practicing attorneys. C-VETS stands ready to assist with a wide variety of civil matters including consumer debt, landlord-tenant, contracts, uncontested family law matters and wills. Students and lawyers may also assist with criminal matters such as expungement, driver license issues and fines and court costs. We can also discuss other legal matters with you and may refer you to another organization. In Jefferson County, C-VETS will work closely with the Veterans Help Desk of the Birmingham Bar Volunteer Lawyers program.

You may apply for legal assistance from C-VETS on line at www.samford.edu/cumberlandlaw/c-vets or

- **Call C-VETS at 205.726.4735** and leave a phone message which includes your phone number and a brief explanation of your legal issue. You will then be contacted by a law student who will take an application for assistance from you over the phone
- **Email C-VETS at cvets@samford.edu**. Your email should include your phone number and a brief description of your legal issue. You will then be contacted by a law student who will call you and take an application for assistance from you over the phone.

Once the application is completed by phone, the clinic will review the application and your legal issue and determine whether it can assist you. Because of time constraints, the clinic cannot assist with emergency legal matters. **If, after review, the clinic decides that it can provide legal representation, you will be sent a letter called an engagement letter for you to sign. You will not be a client of the client of the clinic until you sign the engagement letter and we receive it at the clinic.**



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