



**Veterans' and Servicemembers'
Rights Clinic**

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The Veterans' and Servicemembers' Rights Clinic provides legal assistance to veterans and servicemembers and their families, from when servicemembers enter active duty or are deployed, while they are on active duty or deployed, and after they return to civilian life. Initially, the focus will be on consumer matters, like debt counseling, landlord-tenant and foreclosure matters, and reemployment rights.

The clinic will also provide community legal education. Upper level law students, working under the direct supervision of a trained attorney, will advise veterans and servicemembers on their legal rights as well as educate the Long Island veteran and legal communities about veterans' and servicemembers' rights.

CLINIC HIGHLIGHTS:

- Free legal service
- Providing services to those who are serving or have recently returned and their families in Nassau, Suffolk and Queens Counties.
- Clients can be represented in certain courts or administrative proceedings.
- Counseling, negotiation and representation are by upper level law students under faculty/experienced attorney supervision.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Associate Director of Prisoners Legal Services of New York, leading a staff of up to 40 attorneys. Professor Gresham has written and spoken widely on the Americans With Disabilities Act and mental health law, and his work has been recognized by awards from the New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services and the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, among others. He received his A.B., *magna cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa* from Harvard College, and his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard Law School.

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