



Service Members ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ LAW CENTER™

With the heavy reliance on Reserve and Guard members in today's fight, ROA sees many challenges with laws affecting part-time warriors. Employers need educating, citizen warriors need advocates, and laws need to be improved. For many years ROA has been the leader in providing these services to citizen warriors. The Service Members Law Center, established June 1, 2009, gives ROA the opportunity to expand these services with free legal information.

The Service Members Law Center's mission is to:

- Formulate legislation and military policy regarding legal issues of importance to members of all branches and components of the Armed Forces of the United States, with particular emphasis on the Uniformed Servicemembers Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA), and military voting rights.
- Provide a center of excellence in the areas of legal research, appellate advocacy and continuing legal education (CLE) to attorneys and law schools.
- Coordinate the activities of lawyers and legal service providers who seek to help service members in these areas of the law nationwide.
- File *amicus curiae* (friend of the court) briefs on behalf of ROA in USERRA and SCRA cases that have national significance.
- Educate service members, employers, policy makers, and the American public on laws affecting members of the Armed Forces through speaking engagements, interviews, news articles, law reviews, and legal briefs and newsletters.

In addition to providing the above services, the staff of the law center maintains a law review library of articles they have authored covering USERRA, SCRA, military voting rights and other topics. Over 700 articles in the Law Review Library can be accessed by visiting www.roa.org/law_review

The Service Members Law Center is directed by CAPT Samuel F. Wright, JAGC, USN (Ret.), one of the foremost experts on USERRA. He worked for 10 years as a U.S. Department of Labor attorney during which time he was part of the team that drafted the interagency product that eventually became USERRA.

For more information on the law center, visit www.roa.org/lawcenter, or call (800) 809-9448, ext. 730.



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