



# LEGAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

TASK: Identify and explain the various forms of legal services provided by the Fort Irwin Legal Assistance Office.

CONDITIONS: Discussion and question based training.

STANDARDS: Become familiar with the forms of legal services available to the Fort Bliss community.

REFERENCE: AR 27-3, The Army Legal Assistance Program



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## Legal Services Explanations

### Notarial Services –

No cost, civilian and military notaries. Services such as witnessing signatures to documents or providing notary services are provided by attorneys or non-attorney personnel under attorney supervision.

- General Powers of Attorney
- Special Powers of Attorney

- Document Notarization
- Document Authentication

### Certified Copies –

Limited use for military personnel and military finance reasons only.

### General Powers of Attorney -

Gives someone the legal authority to act on your behalf, to do anything that you could do.



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## Special Powers of Attorney-

Gives someone the ability to act on your behalf for only specific purposes.  
This is the preferred power of attorney.

## Family Law –

Legal Assistance is provided for all areas of family law. Legal counseling provided in all areas of family law. Court filing assistance may be provided in an uncontested divorce or legal separation.

- Divorce/Legal Separation
- Family Support (AR 608-99)
- Child custody/ Child support
- Adoption

## Divorce –

Pro se assistance for filing, and legal document preparation for uncontested divorces.



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## Estate Planning –

Means to arrange for the distribution of your assets after death according to your wishes. Attorneys draft estate planning documents. Documents notarized by attorneys or non-attorney personnel under attorney supervision.

Advanced Medical Directives, Wills, and SGLI.

## Will –

Wills are legal documents you use to dispose of your property at death.



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## Military Administrative –

Military administrative is a broad term that covers a lot of areas. Some of these such as FLIPLs have suspense dates for responses or rebuttals. Legal counseling provided on military administrative matters. Assistance with responding to security clearance revocation. Assistance with responding to and/or appealing a FLIPL. OER/ NCOER appeals.

- Security Clearance Issues
- OER/ NCOER Appeals
- Financial Liability of Property Loss (FLIPL)
- Reenlistment Bars
- Installation Bars



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**Consumer Law** – Is an area of the law that governs sales and credit practices involving *consumer* goods. Legal counseling provided on consumer law matters. Attorneys may provide written correspondence. Attorneys may negotiate on client’s behalf.

Debt Collection  
Credit Issues

Automobile problems  
Contract and “scam” problems

## **Other Areas Covered**

- Taxes
- Immigration/Citizenship
  - Small Claims
  - Property
- Landlord/Tenant
- Civilian Criminal

## **Areas Not Covered**

- Military Criminal matters
- Private business activities
- Litigation against the United States
- Employment matters (except USERRA)
  - In-court representation