

PRESS RELEASE

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FREE LEGAL APPOINTMENTS FOR VETERANS

The Third Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee is proud to once again announce two days of free legal appointments will be provided to Veterans in honor of Veterans' Day and in gratitude for their service. This year, the thirty-minute appointments will be provided on November 10 and November 15, 2016, in the Madison County Law Library located in the lower level of the Madison County Courthouse at 155 North Main Street, Edwardsville.

"The veterans' sub-committee, chaired by Associate Judge Sarah Smith who is also in the military, is concerned over the many homeless and needy veterans in Madison County," noted Circuit Judge Barbara Crowder, Chair of the Pro Bono Committee. To meet their needs, Judge Smith and Amy Morgan from Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation also maintain a list of volunteer attorneys who will assist veterans with their legal needs.

Providing legal advice and services targeting veterans is a worthwhile and important addition to pro bono programs. The Third Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee already provides free legal appointments two days per month in the Legal Advice Clinic at the Madison County Courthouse. Those appointments are open to low-income individuals who do not have attorneys and cover any civil or family law subject. Members of the veterans' sub-committee wanted to highlight assistance to veterans near Veterans' Day to thank them for their service and to help provide for their legal needs.

The goal of the legal advice targeting veterans is to recognize their contributions to our society along with explaining the numerous services available to veterans. Any veterans may contact Lauren Jansen at 619-296-4472 or email her at ljansen@co.madison.il.us to schedule a thirty minute appointment between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon or between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on either Thursday, November 10 or Tuesday, November 15. The Third Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee and the attorneys in Madison County are pleased to provide this service.