

Eligibility for Services:

VLCO services are available to active duty servicemembers, reservists on active duty, and eligible military dependents pursuant to 10 U.S.C. §1044 and 10 U.S.C. §1565b.

Confidentiality:

Our conversations are privileged and confidential in accordance with my state bar rules and JAG Instruction 5803.1D (Professional Conduct of Attorneys Practicing Under the Cognizance and Supervision of the Judge Advocate General). I will not reveal anything we discuss unless you give me actual permission, disclosure is impliedly authorized as necessary to represent you, or disclosure is required to prevent death, substantial bodily harm, or to prevent commission of a criminal act likely to impair national security or military readiness.

If you need assistance, please contact:

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**VICTIMS' LEGAL COUNSEL
ORGANIZATION**



**LEGAL SERVICES FOR
VICTIMS OF CRIME**

VLCO Legal Services:

The Marine Corps is fully committed to assist victims of crime at all stages of the military justice process. The Victims' Legal Counsel Organization (VLCO) was established on 1 November 2013 to provide legal advice and, when detailed, representation to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, hazing, and other crimes under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

VLCO services supplement, not replace, existing victim support services, including assistance currently provided by the Family Advocacy Program (FAP), Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), and Victim Advocate.

Victims' Legal Counsel (VLC) Role

As your VLC, I am your attorney. I have been licensed by my state bar to practice law, and certified by the Judge Advocate General of the Navy to provide legal services to victims of crime.

When detailed to represent you, I will accompany you to interviews and assert

your legal rights throughout the military justice process, including presenting legal arguments to the court on your behalf.

I do not work for your commanding officer or anyone within your chain of command, or the command of the person who committed the offense against you. The VLCO chain-of-command is functionally independent of convening authorities, staff judge advocates, LSSS OICs, trial counsel, and defense counsel. VLC are under the supervision of, and report to the OIC, VLCO, who reports directly to the SJA to CMC.

Legal Rights:

Victims of crime have specific rights at all stages of the military justice process. I will assist you to fully understand and assert these rights, including:

- Right to be treated with fairness and with respect for your dignity and privacy;
- Right to be reasonably protected from the offender (Military Protective Order);
- The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay;

- Right to be notified of any court proceedings in the case;
- Right to be present at all public court proceedings (unless the court determines your testimony would be materially altered if you heard other testimony);
- Right to attend and be heard regarding admissibility of sexual behavior or predisposition evidence in sexual assault cases;
- Right to provide your view to the convening authority regarding initial disposition of a case (R.C.M. 306)
- Right to confer with government counsel in the case
- Right to be provided information about any conviction, sentence, imprisonment, and release of the offender.
- Right to receive a copy of the Record of Trial when victim testified in case involving sexual assault (Article 54, UCMJ)
- An eligible servicemember who is the victim of sexual assault may also request expedited transfer.