

Delivering pro bono advice online

There is a new, statewide method of delivering pro bono advice to the public. The Indiana Bar Foundation and the Indiana Pro Bono Commission have worked with their Tennessee counterparts to bring online a system for providing legal advice to the public.

“Think of it as a ‘Talk to a Lawyer’ program in which you can participate from any Internet-enabled computer, smartphone or tablet device,” said Charles R. Dunlap, executive director, Indiana Bar Foundation.

Attorneys can register at www.indianalegalanswers.org to answer questions from low-income Hoosiers. The “client” will register on the website and submit a question by email through the website. Your response is offered confidentially by logging on to the same system. Attorneys may have up to three exchanges with the client on a specific question.

Attorneys who register are covered by the malpractice insurance of the pro bono provider in their district and may indicate the number or type of cases they are willing to respond to. For attorneys, you may log on to respond to questions anytime – day or night – to assist a client. This system allows the client to travel no farther than a computer to receive high-quality legal advice and direction. For more information about INLegalAnswers, visit www.indianalegalanswers.org or discuss it with your district pro bono plan administrator.

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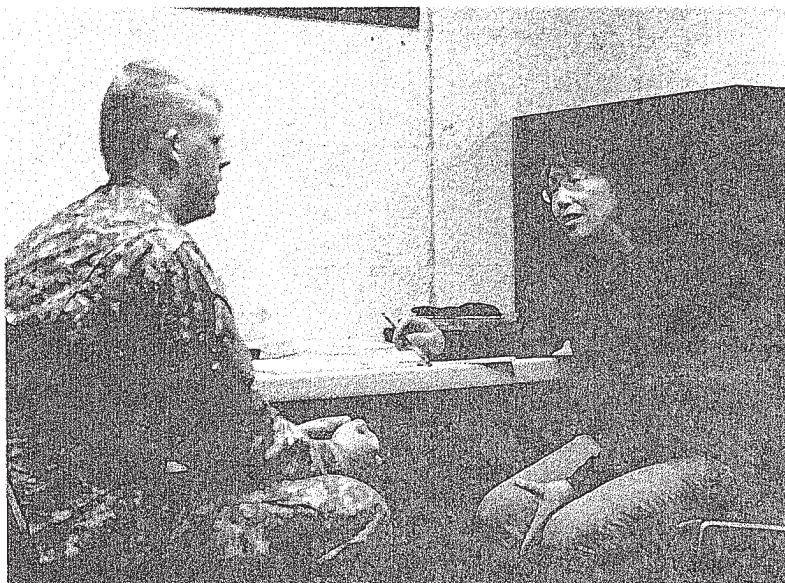


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Serving those who serve

The State Bar’s Military & Veterans’ Affairs Committee coordinated with the Indiana National Guard to offer free legal assistance to more than 500 soon-to-be-deployed soldiers at its Soldiers’ Readiness Processing March 22-24 at Camp Atterbury. A big *thank you* to the following volunteers: Bruce D. Brattain, Marcelo S. Copat, Dustin R. DeNeal, Tom J. DeRue Jr., Crystal L. Francis, Mary E. Fondrisi (in the picture above), Judith D. Gilliam, Norman J. Hedges, Dan R. Kelley, Peter C. King, James G. Liwski, Cynthia A. Marcus, Allison L. Martinez, Patty L. McKinnon, Dennis E. Mullen, J. Alexander

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