South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center is partnering with the Veteran Justice Outreach Program at the Dorn VA Medical Center and members of the private bar to establish a Pro Bono Veterans Legal Clinic. This clinic will connect lower-income veterans with local attorneys who will provide one-on-one pro bono legal advice and/or representation. The focus areas have been identified but may change as we identify the needs of our veterans and the expertise of our volunteer base. The clinic will address the following topics:

- Obtaining identification (Social Security, ID, birth certificates)
- Child support and visitation issues
- Expungements and pardons
- Consumer protection
- Simple wills and healthcare power of attorney

A free CLE will be offered on each of the above topics for attorneys who wish to attend. It is not mandatory to go to or complete the training in order to volunteer with this project if you are already comfortable with an area of law. The training will take place on April 11th, 2014.

**When:** The Clinic will be held from 9AM-12PM on the third Thursday of each month. The clinic dates for 2014 are as follows:

- May 15th
- June 19th
- July 17th
- Aug. 21st
- Sept. 18th
- Oct. 16th
- Nov. 20th
- Dec. 18th

**Where:** The clinic will be in the Building 5 Auditorium at the Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center, 6439 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia SC 29209.

SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center will provide technical support for the clinic. Veterans will have access to a 1-800 number and will be screened for eligibility and assessed for legal need. Veterans will be paired with volunteer attorneys who have indicated a willingness to address the veteran’s particular legal need. If a veteran attending the clinic requires additional assistance or representation, the case can be retained by the attorney who provided advice at the clinic, or may be referred to a different volunteer attorney. Working at the clinic does not mean you are required to take a case for further representation, though we would encourage continued representation if and when feasible.

**We need YOU!** We are currently recruiting volunteer attorneys who would like to give back to these men and women who have served us in the military. Here are ways you can help:

- Law firms select a month to “sponsor” the clinic by providing 5-6 volunteer attorneys to attend clinic.
- Individual attorneys who select a preferred date to attend the clinic and/or to undertake representation of a veteran in one or more of the above topics.
- Attorneys unable to attend the clinic but are willing to provide representation in one of the above legal areas in Columbia or a surrounding County.
- Attorneys unable to attend the clinic but are willing to take referrals on other legal issues (SSI/SSDI, as an example).
- Attorneys willing to act as subject matter experts for attorney volunteers who might have questions in a particular area of law.

If you are interested or would like to know more about this clinic, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND THIS SEMINAR?

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South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center is offering a day-long CLE opportunity for attorneys wishing to volunteer at the legal clinic. In exchange for a commitment by the attorney to work in the clinic or take pro bono referrals, we will offer this CLE at no cost to you.

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REGISTRATION FORM
Lawyers 4 Vets Volunteer Training 2014
Nelson Mullins
17th Floor, 1320 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201
Friday, April 11 2014
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Please arrive early for registration.

Name ____________________________
Organization ____________________________
Address ____________________________ City___________ State____ ZIP __________
Telephone ____________________________
E-mail ____________________________
Bar Number ____________________________

If you have any questions about the clinic, please call Ashley Thomas of the SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center at 803-779.1113, ext 113.

If you have questions or would like further information about registering for the training, please contact Pat Saad of the SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center at 803.779.1113 ext. 100.

*Please note that attorneys attending this training are agreeing to volunteer at the clinic at least twice in a 12 month period.

Parking:
Parking garage is on Washington Street between Main Street and Sumter Street.
Park on any level in unreserved parking (spaces without numbers) Bring ticket with you to be validated at the reception area.

Entrance to Meridian is at 1320 Main Street.
From the building lobby, the security desk is on your left.
Continue to the elevators on the right.
Nelson Mullins reception area is located on the 17th floor.
When you arrive on the 17th floor, you will be directed to the training room.

Fill out and return completed registration either by email to Pat Saad at psaad@scjustice.org or mail no later than April 4th to:
SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center
PO Box 7187
Columbia, SC 29202

This seminar will be submitted for 5.75 CLE credits