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GUIDING YOU THROUGH FEDERAL SYSTEMS

Veterans Legal Essentials Access Plan (LEAP)

Affordable Ongoing Legal Support for Veterans & Federal Employees
Preventative Legal Guidance for Complex Federal Systems

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Federal Systems Are Complicated

- VA disability claims and appeals
- Federal employment issues
- Retirement and Social Security
- Accommodation and accessibility questions
- Medical evidence development
- Deadlines and procedural rules
- Early guidance matters





Why People Delay Getting Legal Help

- Fear of expensive hourly billing
- Not knowing if the issue is serious enough
- Feeling overwhelmed by bureaucracy
- Not understanding the impact, rules, or procedures
- Difficulty finding trustworthy guidance
- Waiting too long and losing leverage
- Most legal problems become harder and more expensive over time





Most Problems Do Not Start as Emergencies

- They start as small decisions made without enough information
 - Submitting something without the right supporting evidence
 - Waiting too long to respond to a letter
 - Assuming something “probably isn’t a big deal”
- By the time the issue becomes clear, options are often more limited
- Most legal problems become harder and more expensive over time
- You are not trying to figure this out alone while the stakes are unclear
- Early guidance is not about reacting to problems
 - It is about avoiding problems that are difficult to fix later





Traditional Legal Billing Creates Barriers

- **Traditional Model**

- Large retainers (often \$1,000s held up front)
- Hourly billing (\$200–\$500/hour is common)
- Reactive support once a problem already exists

- **LEAP Subscription Model**

- Predictable monthly cost: **\$100/month**
- Ongoing guidance before decisions are made
- Strategic support based on long-term goals
- Encourages early communication before problems escalate

Prevention is often less expensive, and more effective, than crisis response.





What Is the Legal Essentials Access Plan? (LEAP Subscription Plan)

- Ongoing legal guidance designed to help you make better decisions before issues escalate
- Access to an attorney for strategy and decision-making
- Review of documents, options, and potential next steps
- Guidance before filing, responding, or committing to a course of action
- Long-term planning based on your goals and situation
- Support that helps prevent avoidable mistakes and delays
- This is not just about handling problems
 - It is about understanding your options early—before decisions limit them





LEAP At-A-Glance

- Monthly Membership Subscription
 - \$100 / Month
 - Predictable monthly cost.
 - No large retainers.
 - No surprise hourly billing.
- Cancel Anytime





The Difference Early Guidance Makes

- **Without LEAP**
 - Navigating VA or federal systems alone
 - Making decisions with incomplete information
 - Submitting claims or responses without full support
 - Waiting months to see the outcome
 - Problems surface later, when options are limited
 - Stress increases as uncertainty grows
- **With LEAP**
 - Access to guidance before decisions are made
 - Documents reviewed before submission
 - Issues identified early, before they escalate
 - Stronger initial filings and positioning
 - Faster, more informed decision-making
 - Greater clarity, less stress over time





What Is Included

- SSA or VA claims and appeals strategy guidance
- Federal employment guidance
- Scheduled consultations
- Priority communication access
- Secure document sharing and document review
- Virtual meetings or phone access





What Working Together Looks Like

- You start with a conversation focused on your situation and your goals
- Identify what decisions you are facing or expect to face
 - Review any current issues, documents, or timelines
 - Clarify risks, options, and potential next steps
- Once you are on the plan:
 - You have ongoing access to guidance before making decisions
 - You can ask questions as they come up instead of guessing
 - You receive clear, straightforward input without unnecessary complexity
 - No action is taken without your direction
- This is structured, ongoing support
 - designed to help you make informed decisions at the right time
- You are not locked into a long-term commitment
 - You can cancel at any time





This Plan is Built for You if...

- You are recently transitioning out and trying to navigate systems that do not explain themselves
- You are making decisions now that could affect your benefits, employment options, or long-term positioning
- You have looked at VA or federal processes and realized there are rules you do not fully understand yet
- You are not waiting for something to go wrong; you want to understand your options before you act
- You prefer clear, reliable guidance instead of guessing or relying on incomplete information
- You tend to handle things on your own, but want to get it right the first time





Who Does This Plan Serve?

- Recently separated service members working through benefits and next steps
- Veterans and federal employees facing complex or unfamiliar processes
- Neurodivergent professionals and others who do not fit traditional support models
- Individuals navigating federal systems without clear guidance
- People who prefer to understand their options before making decisions
- Those who want reliable legal guidance without committing to large upfront costs
- Government Contractors, especially VOSB and SDVOSB's





Why Preventative Legal Guidance Matters

- Missed deadlines can hurt claims or applications
- Weak documentation creates long-term problems
- Early issue spotting improves outcomes
- Better evidence often strengthens cases
- Reduced stress and uncertainty
- Understanding issues and options reduces bad decision-making
- Peace of mind: A person in your corner looking out for you





The Financial Reality

- Even “Free” Initial consultations can cost hundreds of dollars
- Appeal and Claim strategy sessions may cost thousands
- Delayed benefits can become extremely expensive
- Predictable monthly support helps budgeting
- One avoided mistake can justify years of guidance





What This Looks Like in Real Life

- A transitioning service member files a VA claim
 - They submit what they think is enough medical documentation
- No one explains what is actually required
 - No one flags what is missing
- Months later, the claim is delayed or denied
- At that point, the issue is no longer the claim itself
 - It is the position the claim is now in
 - Fixing it takes more time, more effort, and sometimes a different strategy entirely
- Early guidance is not about doing more
 - It is about avoiding problems that become harder to fix later





A Typical Client Journey

- Problem or concern appears
- Client reaches out early
- Guidance before mistakes happen
- Better evidence and documentation
- Stronger long-term positioning
- Escalation only if necessary





Why Experience Matters

- Air Force veteran
- Former federal executive and program manager
- Experience inside federal systems
- VA Accredited Attorney
- Admitted to practice before the SSA, FCC, VA, and other federal agencies
- Focused federal legal practice
- Solid advice on options and next steps regardless of issue





Attorney + VSO Can Work Together

- VSOs provide valuable support
- Attorneys provide legal strategy and analysis
- Complex appeals sometimes require deeper legal framing
- Clients often benefit from coordinated support





Fully Virtual & Accessible

- Secure virtual meetings
- Electronic signatures and secure cloud systems
- Flexible scheduling
- Nationwide federal practice
- Accessible communication methods
- State of residency does not matter





Why Ongoing Access Matters

- **Legal guidance becomes more valuable when your attorney already understands:**
 - Your service history, claims history, and long-term goals
 - Your medical, employment, or benefits timeline
 - What has already been submitted, denied, or questioned
 - The deadlines, risks, and decisions coming next
 - How one issue may affect another
- **With LEAP, each conversation builds on the last.**
 - You are not starting over every time something happens.
 - You have ongoing guidance from someone who already understands the bigger picture.
 - That continuity can be the difference between reacting late and making informed decisions early.





Frequently Asked Questions

- **Can I cancel anytime?**

Yes. There is no long-term contract. You can cancel whenever you choose.

- **Can I still work with my VSO?**

Yes. Many clients benefit from working with both a VSO and an attorney for different aspects of their case.

- **What happens if I need litigation or formal representation?**

If your situation requires it, we will review your options and determine next steps together.

- **Is this legal insurance?**

No. This is direct access to an attorney for guidance and strategy.

- **How quickly can I reach you?**

Clients typically receive prompt responses. If unavailable at the moment, follow-up occurs as soon as possible. Expectations for communication are clear and consistent.





Justice Shouldn't Start With a Ticking Clock

- Federal systems are difficult to navigate alone
- Waiting often makes problems worse
- Early guidance matters
- Legal support should be understandable and accessible





Next Steps

- If you are dealing with decisions you do not fully understand, this is the point to get clarity
 - Before you submit anything
 - Before you respond to anything
 - Before something small becomes difficult to fix later
- The goal is not to react to problems
 - It is to avoid creating them in the first place
- Schedule a consultation to review your situation and your options
- If the plan is a good fit, you will have ongoing access to guidance before decisions turn into long-term problems





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