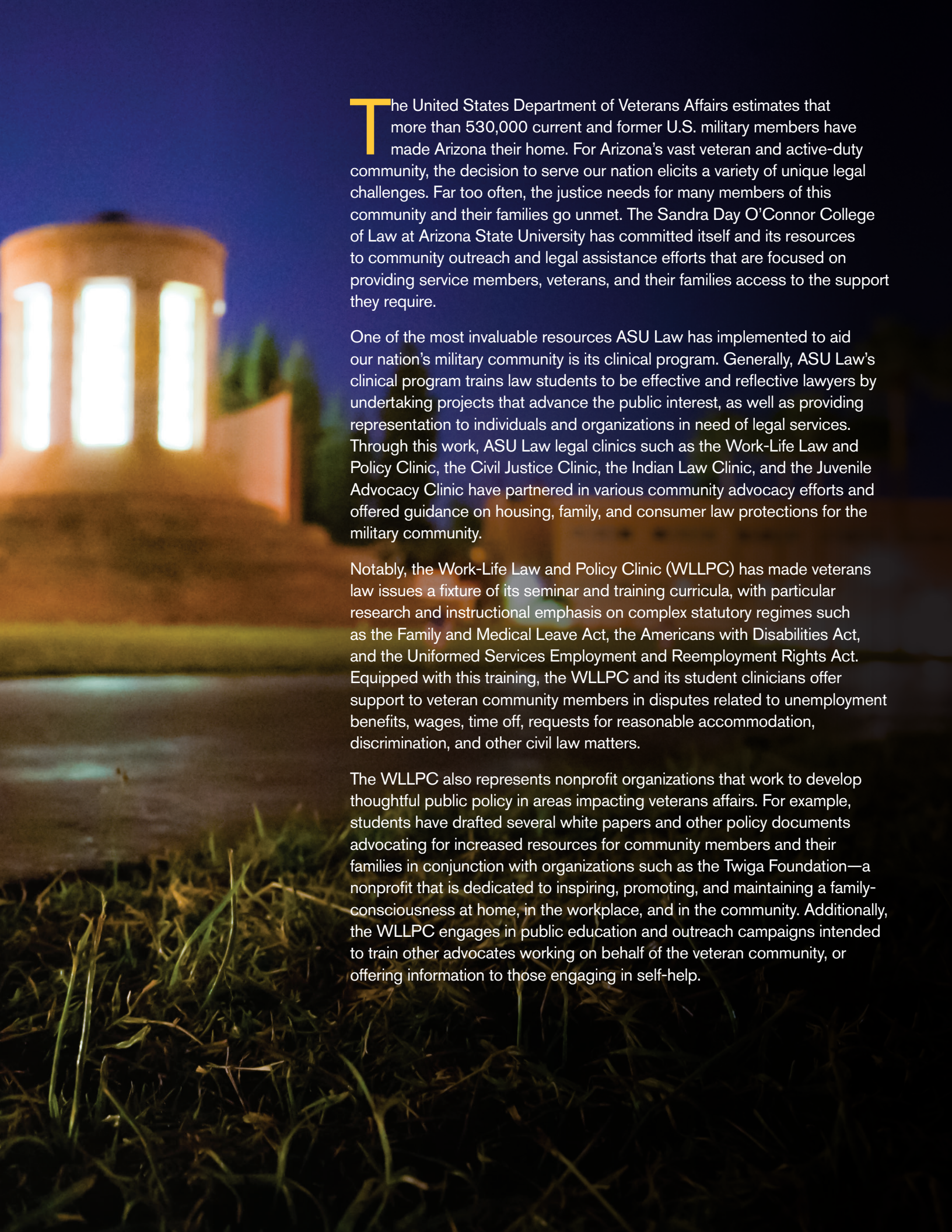


Serving Those Who Serve

ASU LAW AND VETERANS







The United States Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that more than 530,000 current and former U.S. military members have made Arizona their home. For Arizona's vast veteran and active-duty community, the decision to serve our nation elicits a variety of unique legal challenges. Far too often, the justice needs for many members of this community and their families go unmet. The Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University has committed itself and its resources to community outreach and legal assistance efforts that are focused on providing service members, veterans, and their families access to the support they require.

One of the most invaluable resources ASU Law has implemented to aid our nation's military community is its clinical program. Generally, ASU Law's clinical program trains law students to be effective and reflective lawyers by undertaking projects that advance the public interest, as well as providing representation to individuals and organizations in need of legal services. Through this work, ASU Law legal clinics such as the Work-Life Law and Policy Clinic, the Civil Justice Clinic, the Indian Law Clinic, and the Juvenile Advocacy Clinic have partnered in various community advocacy efforts and offered guidance on housing, family, and consumer law protections for the military community.

Notably, the Work-Life Law and Policy Clinic (WLLPC) has made veterans law issues a fixture of its seminar and training curricula, with particular research and instructional emphasis on complex statutory regimes such as the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. Equipped with this training, the WLLPC and its student clinicians offer support to veteran community members in disputes related to unemployment benefits, wages, time off, requests for reasonable accommodation, discrimination, and other civil law matters.

The WLLPC also represents nonprofit organizations that work to develop thoughtful public policy in areas impacting veterans affairs. For example, students have drafted several white papers and other policy documents advocating for increased resources for community members and their families in conjunction with organizations such as the Twiga Foundation—a nonprofit that is dedicated to inspiring, promoting, and maintaining a family-consciousness at home, in the workplace, and in the community. Additionally, the WLLPC engages in public education and outreach campaigns intended to train other advocates working on behalf of the veteran community, or offering information to those engaging in self-help.



VETERANS BENEFITS

ASU Law helps its military veteran students in obtaining all the financial aid to which they are entitled. ASU Law works closely with Arizona State University, which has set up the ASU Veterans Education Fund to offer multiple scholarships, including Tillman Military Scholarships, for both graduate and undergraduate students. ASU also participates in the Department of Defense's Tuition Assistance program, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Post-9/11 GI Bill program, the Yellow Ribbon program, and more. Federal Work Study options also are available.



EXTERNSHIPS & PRO BONO



In concert with the service member support work undertaken by its clinics, ASU Law's Externship and Pro Bono programs have continuously shown their diligence in advocacy efforts organized on behalf of the veteran community. The Externship Program has built an enormous network of more than 200 community partners that provides several placement opportunities for students interested in practice areas related to service-member law and policy.

Some of the externship positions where students have engaged in substantial legal work in support of veterans issues include placements with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, the Homeless Legal Assistance Program, and the Veteran's Court for the City of Phoenix.

For its part, the college's Pro Bono Program has affiliated itself with both local and national institutions dedicated to public service in assistance of our veterans. The program, in collaboration with ASU Law clinics such as the WLLPC, often partners with local chapters of Disabled American Veterans to administer free, statewide legal help sessions that address various topics including family law, estate planning, and landlord/tenant issues.



STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

The Pro Bono Program and the WLLPC also are active participants in national networks such as Project SALUTE, which organizes StandDown events designed to provide free legal assistance to men and women who have served our country and now need help obtaining their benefits through federal disability and pension claims.



The public interest work conducted on behalf of Arizona's broader veteran community includes ASU Law's commitment to fostering a sub-community for active-duty members and veterans enrolled at ASU Law. Law Students for Veterans Legal Issues (LSVLI, formerly known as the Veterans Law Society), a student organization and chapter of the Student Veterans of America, has made it a top priority to give military alumni the opportunity to stay actively involved with the local service member population. LSVLI students often fundraise and volunteer on behalf of and in conjunction with charitable programs and military appreciation campaigns, such as the Wounded Warrior Project and Salute to Service.



Additionally, LSVLI students frequently form teams that participate in the National Veterans Law Moot Court Competition in Washington, D.C. All of LSVLI's activities are designed to reinforce its organizational mission, which is to raise awareness and understanding of veterans law and related legal issues; to liaise between interested students and veterans law practitioners; to monitor and advocate for developments in veterans law; and to assist other organizations wishing to sponsor veterans support programs within the local community.

To learn more about the many ways ASU Law supports its military community, please visit our website at law.asu.edu.



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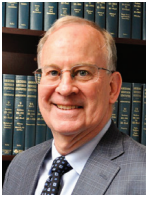
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ASU LAW VETERANS SERVING VETERANS



Gregg Maxon '80 JD

With the exception of an eight-year period in which he attended Arizona State University to earn his bachelor's in science, an MBA, and his JD, Gregg

Maxon has spent his adult life serving in the military or assisting veterans.

Maxon enlisted in the Army in 1972, and served until 1975. After earning his JD, Maxon re-entered active duty with the the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG). He joined the Arizona Army National Guard as a judge advocate in 1984, and in 2000, he was promoted to brigadier general. Maxon retired from military service in 2007. That same year, Gov. Janet Napolitano appointed him director of the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services. He retired from that post in 2008. In 2011, he was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall Of Fame.

Despite a lifetime in the military, Maxon says he really never "thought about working with veterans until I was at the point of retiring from the guard. That was when I really started learning about some of the issues facing veterans and some of the needs out there."

Maxon currently serves as a judge pro tem in the Tempe, Mesa, and Chandler Veterans Courts, which promote treatment and self-improvement for defendants with relatively minor misdemeanor offenses. Veterans who

complete a variety of counseling sessions typically plead guilty to lesser charges and receive lighter sentences.

"We have a lot of men and women coming home who are really having a tough time re-integrating into the community, and many end up in the criminal justice system," Maxon said. "It's difficult to see these men and women who have very proudly served—and many times under very difficult circumstances—struggle when they come home. What I find very gratifying is getting these people into treatment programs and seeing them get back on their feet."



Ted Jarvi '73 JD

While practicing criminal law in Arizona, Ted Jarvi also was in the Air Force Reserves and later the Arizona Air National Guard, retiring as a JAG

colonel in 1997.

"In that capacity as a JAG, I was called upon to advise Air National Guardsman about general legal problems," said Jarvi, who spent 10 years on active duty with the U.S. Air Force. "One thing they kept bringing up was problems with Veterans Affairs (VA)."

Jarvi took his first veterans case in the 1980s, but it wasn't until 1991 that he began to fully understand the scope of the problems facing veterans as they tried to receive benefits.

"It was hard for me to believe veterans were having so much trouble, so I took a case in 1991 without having any idea what I was doing, and I kept taking more cases," Jarvi said. "It occurred to me that it was better work than what I was doing, which was criminal defense."

In 2002, Jarvi converted his practice solely to representing veterans with VA disability claims. He has represented a survivor of the Bataan Death March, a Navajo code talker, and more recently, veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

Jarvi has appeared as counsel in more than 300 cases at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. In 1993, he became one of the original members of the National Organization of Veterans Advocates (NOVA) and was its president from 2004 to 2006. He recently was inducted into the NOVA Hall of Fame.

Although Jarvi is in the process of retiring, he is making sure to hand off his practice to other attorneys who will continue to fight for veterans' rights.

"America has promised their veterans a lot of things and those promises are only being casually fulfilled, and I would like to see America be a little more assiduous with those promises," he said. "You always like cases where you have deserving veterans who have been denied benefits for a long time and whose lives are changed by what you do."



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IN THIS WORLD ALONE...”

– Sandra Day O’Connor, U.S. Supreme Court Justice (ret.)



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