

## **COMMON LEGAL ISSUES FACED BY HOMELESS VETERANS**

- Victim of a scam (including bad checks, email and phone offers)
- Identify theft or other credit problems
- Debt collection (including court hearings and/or phone harassment)
- Bankruptcy
- Getting phones/heat/electric installed or disconnected
- Consumer purchase /sales agreement that didn't work out as you expected
- Problems with an auto purchase or repair
- School services for your child (including discipline or special education)
- Bullying/harassment of your child at school
- Job problems (hiring, firing, getting paid the right amount or on time, etc.)
- Federal or State taxes (filing or getting the earned income credit or refund check)

- Child visitation, custody or child support
- Enforcing or changing a court order related to family issues (inc. child support)
- Dealing with guardianship over a family member
- VA Guardianship Review
- Dealing with the death of a family member or relative, including wills & estates
- Abuse, dating violence or stalking (yourself or a family member)
- Getting needed medical services for yourself or a family member
- Living in unsafe housing
- Foreclosure on your house or the building in which you rent
- Paying property taxes on your home
- Problems with your landlord
- Eviction (threatened or pending)
- Need for reasonable accommodation in housing

(including modifications,  
service animals, ramps, etc.)

Discrimination in housing (based on race, gender,  
disability, etc.)

Getting or keeping government benefits (food stamps,  
SSI, disability, etc)

Problems getting unemployment compensation

Problems with military or veteran's benefits

Problems with work-related injury and/or workers  
compensation

Being sued by someone

Being terminated from VASH by a Housing Authority

Driver's license suspensions (as barrier to work)

Real estate title issues (sometimes as a result of family  
member's death)

Unreliable address / phone or other method of contact

Balances from prior rental contract that may be resolved  
with negotiations or other means

Prior utility balances

- Past criminal record or credit issues
- Garnishment of VA compensation by the Debt Management Center for debts owed to VA
- Overpayments of VA pensions
- Unpaid child support arrears
- Student loan debts especially from on-line or unaccredited schools
- Student loan debts, general—we've been able to secure a number discharges through the Total Disability Discharge program
- Citations & Warrants (Warrants due to the underlying infraction for Failure to Pay or Failure to Appear)
- VA/SSA Disability Disputes
- Expungements
- Restraining Order and Stalking Order Advocacy
- Relief from Sex Offender Registration
- Public Transportation Exclusions
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_