

# Foreword

Our nation's military engagements around the world have raised public awareness of the personal toll wars can have on those in uniform. America continues to gratefully honor our servicemembers, to salute their sacrifices, and to help many of them bind their physical and non-physical wounds.

Servicemembers' families can also pay a heavy cost, including the high incidence of divorce related to the stresses of repeated deployments and the debilitating impact high-risk military duty can have on loved ones.

Americans are concerned about this special generation of warriors who have given so much for our country. We must act to help those facing divorce understand how to get assistance and get on the path for quality lives.

*The Military Divorce Handbook: A Practical Guide to Representing Military Personnel and Their Families* is the best single resource available to guide you to a better understanding of the unique issues involved in military divorces. Now in its third edition, author Mark Sullivan's seminal treatment of the subject is a one-of-a-kind reference that examines all aspects of military divorce law, explaining it for civilian practitioners, and providing a quick reference to answers and forms for attorneys.

This latest version of the *Military Divorce Handbook* includes expanded topics and information from prior editions. New subjects include procedures for obtaining and introducing into evidence military pay records, memorandums on custody and military benefits, information on health care options for former military spouses, expert witness questionnaires, and articles covering military domestic and sexual assault.

The volume also offers practice tips, sample motions, and case law, as well as useful legal forms and other materials on a corresponding web page. It is a comprehensive resource for civilian lawyers representing military members dealing with divorce during or after deployment, including those who serve in the Guard and Reserve forces.

While divorce is never a desirable outcome for a family, knowledgeable attorneys equipped with the best legal resources can make a meaningful difference for servicemembers and their families.

I recommend this exceptional book to all lawyers who practice in the field of military family law.

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