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February 28 Legal Clinics to Serve Houston Veterans

(Houston – February 4, 2009) The Houston Bar Association will hold two legal advice clinics for Harris County veterans on Saturday, February 28, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The clinics will be held at VFW Post 8790, 1560 Foley Street (77055) and American Legion Post 560, 3720 Alba Road (77018). Veterans do not have to make an appointment.

Volunteer attorneys will provide legal advice on issues including family law, wills and probate, consumer issues, landlord/tenant law, worker's compensation, tax issues, bankruptcy, and veteran's benefits and disability claims. Any Harris County veteran or spouse of a deceased veteran can receive legal advice and counsel. Veterans who need further legal representation and meet the eligibility requirements for the HBA's Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program may be assigned to a pro bono attorney. The guidelines have been adjusted for veterans so that they may have income up to 300 percent above the poverty level and still qualify for services.

The February 28 legal advice clinics are part of the Houston Bar Association's new Veterans' Legal Initiative, developed by HBA President Travis J. Sales. The HBA sponsors weekly legal advice clinics at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, monthly legal advice clinics at the US VETS at Midtown Terrace residential facility, and quarterly legal advice clinics at DeGeorge at Union Station residential facility, as well as at stand-downs and other gatherings of veterans.

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