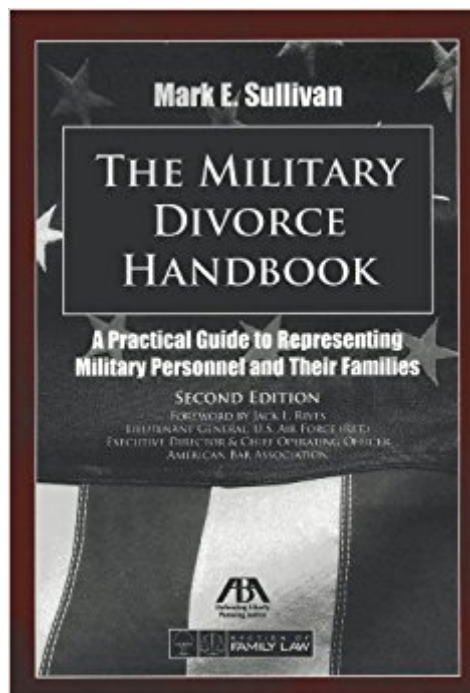




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# **The Military Divorce Handbook: A Practical Guide To Representing Military Personnel And Their Families**



## Synopsis

Handling divorce and family law cases involving service members has never been more timely, and the unique factors involved in representing these cases will affect nearly all family and general practice lawyers. This practical resource covers all aspects of representing service members and their spouses in divorce in an accessible, easy-to-use format, and includes numerous Practice Tips, forms and appendices. Topics include the Service members Civil Relief Act, custody, domestic violence, tax issues, and the division of military retirement benefits. Includes forms CD-ROM.

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Great resource for any family law attorney who gets any military client. If you work in a town close to a military installation, it's a must. If you get a client who has any military benefits that could possibly be subject to division, save yourself (and your client) several (billable) hours of research and just get a copy. I've been a military attorney for over 10 years now, and I bought this because frankly, it's the Bible of military divorce. I'm very familiar with retirement and separation entitlements, but this book helped me make better sense of even my own benefits. It covers everything from SCRA, USFPA, DFAS requirements, transitional TRICARE, SDP and TSP division rules, SBP issues, and more. \*\*Professional recommendation: if you're in private practice and you have a military or former military client (particularly retirees) and you can't identify ALL of those acronyms, click "Buy Now" immediately and take a huge step toward preventing your own future malpractice.\*\*

If you're going through a military divorce and looking for an attorney, you should get one who knows

of and has this book. It's the "bible" of military divorce. I'm not an attorney--I'm a military spouse going through a military divorce and I bought this book for myself (the book is just as valuable to the service member). Like another reviewer said, it's a bit pricey, but when you consider how much time you're being charged by your attorney and how many thousands of dollars are at stake, it's well worth the money. When you're done with it, you can share this valuable book with any friends who may need it or you can donate it to a library (better yet, a library on a military base). If you're a non-lawyer, some parts may be a bit over your head as far as the legalese goes, but at least you'll know what issues about which you need to ask your attorney and make sure he is aware of. While this book does cite precedent (cases) from various states around the country, it is not a book that details individual state law. If you want a book on divorce law in general for whichever state in which you file, you'll have to find it elsewhere. However, this book will spell out your options regarding in which state you wish to file (military members have more options on choosing the state--the state in which one is stationed, where the spouse is living, home of record, etc.). It's a great book and I am very happy to have found it. Thank you to the authors for writing it. To all the service members and their families who need it--good luck, God bless, and thanks you \*all\* for your service.

I practice law in an area heavily populated with active duty members of the United States military, as well as retired military servicemembers. Accordingly, in about 50% of the divorces I handle, there is an issue related to the military. The Military Divorce Handbook is my go-to. As no situation is the same, I find myself referring to this handbook often to make sure I am giving my clients accurate advice. It has never steered me wrong. Also, a few years ago, I attended a CLE presentation by Mark Sullivan. He is the most knowledgeable in his field. This book allows attorneys to tap into that resource directly.

This book is very good but for how comprehensive it is, I wish it would've included Social Security Disability and Veterans Disability and how they are affected in a divorce situation. Don't expect to understand this book though if you don't know some legalese. It's meant for lawyers.

Once I hired author's firm, the junior associate didn't use the strategies in the book. I wanted to mail it back to him and have him read it. The strategies mentioned in the book was not used in my case.

Mostly for marriages long enough to concern retirement, social security and Healthcare benefits. Basically useless for wedded bliss that lasted less than 10 years. Good referencing though.

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