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Lessons Learned: Starting and Sustaining a Successful Veterans Assistance Project

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Brief Description:

Convinced that having skilled legal counsel greatly improves veterans’ chances of receiving the benefits they deserve, in October of 2008 the City Bar Justice Center launched the Veterans Assistance Project. Other groups across the country have done the same. This panel will cover the different models used by these programs and the lessons we have all learned in starting and maintaining a viable Veterans Advocacy Project.

Topical Outline:

- I. Introduction
 - a. Introduction of speakers
 - b. Objective of the panel discussion

- II. Description of All Projects
 - a. Inner City Law Center, Homeless Veterans Project
 - b. Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC Veterans Project
 - c. City Bar Justice Center, Veterans Advocacy Project

- III. Models used by the Projects
 - a. Services offered
 - b. Helping Homeless Veterans
 - c. Which models work

- IV. Veterans Assistance from the Volunteer Firm/Attorney Point of View
 - a. As a Founder of the Project
 - b. As a volunteer

- V. Lessons Learned from our Experiences
 - a. City Bar Justice Center

- b. Inner City Law Project
- c. Womble Carlyle

VI. Discussion and Questions