

MSJDN NEEDS YOUR HELP

STOPPING AB 296 FROM BECOMING LAW!

We need to spread the word and let our voices be heard on this very important issue for military spouse attorneys. Let's send the message that we support military families, and that means supporting a military spouse's ability to work in their profession without having to do so remotely from their servicemember spouse.

What is AB 296:

AB 296 is a bill in the California Assembly that would require military spouses to take the first available bar exam upon arriving in California, under the auspices of granting a temporary license until that bar exam occurs. This codification of what we view as the single largest employment barrier for military spouse attorneys runs completely counter to what MSJDN asked of the state, and what is being done in numerous other states across the country. AB 296 is not only not a solution, it is a problem magnifier and must be stopped.

Message to Send:

I am a military family member, and I oppose Don Wagner's proposed Assembly Bill 296. The amendment would require military spouses to take the first available bar exam upon arriving in California. This is the single largest employment barrier for military spouse attorneys and runs completely counter to what military families have asked of the state. AB 296 is not a good solution. It is a problem magnifier and must be stopped. I am asking every California legislator I know to oppose this bill, and you should too if you want to support the real needs of military families.

Where to Send it:

- Visit www.findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/ to find the California representative in your area.
- Visit www.legislature.ca.gov/legislators_and.../legislators/your_legislator.html to find your California State Senators.

Other people to contact:

- The California [Senate's Judiciary Committee](#), and [Assemblyman Wagner](#)
- The [California State Bar's Board of Trustees](#)
- The [California State Bar Association](#)
- Your local bar association
- The [California Chamber of Commerce](#)
- Your local chamber of commerce
- California lawyers and lawmakers you know
- The California offices of your law firms
- Veterans, military and military spouse organizations

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