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December 2018 – Jacquelyn Ellen Rokusek



We would like to recognize Jacquelyn Rokusek for her passion and devotion to the Military Matters program. Jacquelyn is an experienced criminal defense trial attorney at [Rokusek Stein Law, LLC](#) in Shawnee, Kansas. She has experience in jury trials and several bench trials in the Federal, State, and City Courts.

Jacquelyn's vast experience helps her achieve successful outcomes for her Military Matters cases. Since becoming a member of the program, she has taken on eight cases and has invested approximately 25 hours in helping veterans, and counting. For Jacquelyn, it feels right to give back to the courageous women and men who have served this country. She says that it is the least her firm can do considering the sacrifices of the great citizens who may return from deployment feeling overwhelmed and under-appreciated.

Out of all the cases that she has volunteered to take on through Military Matters, there is one that stands out in her mind. The client was an older woman who needed a municipal expungement. What seemed like a simple expungement turned into discovering the client had a misdemeanor theft from a number of years ago. Jacquelyn noted that she could feel the embarrassment of her client for that theft remaining on her otherwise clean record. The woman was adamant about her innocence in this offense. Jacquelyn filed the petition with the court and was patient with the client explaining the process of appearing *pro se* in court. She knew her client was very anxious about representing herself in court, but Jacquelyn made sure her client had a thorough understanding of the entire procedure. The woman was so appreciative and thankful for everything that Jacquelyn did to help her. For Jacquelyn, it had a deeper meaning to help this veteran – she then further expressed her thankfulness to her client for everything that she had done during her military commitment.



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Serving others runs in her family. Jacquelyn has numerous family members who are veterans: her grandfather, father-in-law, uncle and cousins all have served in the military. Her sister started The Valor Recovery Program at Research Medical Center. This program provides treatment for active duty military, veterans and first responders who struggle to process trauma, manage stress and control unhealthy behavior. Jacquelyn has a true connection to Military Matters. She wants to make sure that those who fight for this country and protect its citizens and freedoms are respected and valued.

Outside of her dedication to the Military Matters program, she is very passionate about Habitat for Humanity. When Jacquelyn is not busy volunteering, she spends her free time watching her three teenagers play club and high school sports which include volleyball, cross-country, track and wrestling.

Military Matters allows Jacquelyn to make a difference to the women and men who have fought for the freedoms and rights of this country. She is an outstanding volunteer for the Military Matters Program and we greatly appreciate her level of devotion. We thank Jacquelyn for her instinctive nature and all the support she provides to Military Matters.



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