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March 2020 – Crystal Cook Leftridge



KCMBF's Military Matters is proud to shine the March #ProBonoSpotlight on Crystal Cook Leftridge, an attorney at Stueve Siegel Hanson LLP. While Crystal did not serve in the armed forces, she feels compelled to help our veterans and military service members. Her dad is a Vietnam War veteran who served in the Army and attended military school from a young age. Like many in his generation, he has not spoken much about his service but instead has focused on raising his family.

Recently, Crystal has been heavily involved in a case where she and a team of attorneys are representing service members and veterans who suffered hearing loss and tinnitus following the use of allegedly defective earplugs made by 3M. Her relationships with military service clients inspired her to serve in other ways, growing her desire to volunteer



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more with Military Matters.

Her most recent referral through Military Matters involved a distraught veteran who was facing an eviction hearing. Crystal called the veteran, who was in tears the entire call, as the veteran's family was about to lose their home over the holidays. Crystal was able to talk to the veteran about the process and guide them through different options. The veteran felt so much relief and was grateful to speak to someone who showed compassion and shared her expertise. Crystal said, "Getting involved in the community to give my knowledge back is in an important part of practicing law. Being able to give someone peace of mind and to let them know somebody has their back can be the most fulfilling aspect of being a lawyer."

Crystal is a member of KCMBF's Military Matters Committee and is the Chair of the VeteRUN 5K Run/Walk, which takes place on May 30th during National Military Appreciation Month. She has always had a passion for fitness and has run



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several half and full marathons and she continues to swim and do yoga with her friends.



In her free time, Crystal loves to travel with her husband. They spent their honeymoon in Spain and Portugal and plan to travel to Greece this year. When not traveling, they enjoy spending time with their Westie, Otis.



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