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What you need to know about military divorce, how to select an attorney, and the federal law that awards up to 50% of military retirement pay to a divorced ex-spouse for life ... regardless of fault, merit, or need. Up to the minute information on legislative changes, divorce laws in the 50 states, how the USFSPA is applied in the 50 states, treatment of the Survivor's Benefit Plan in a divorce action and much, much more!

Of all the factors involved in divorce settlements, none exerts a great influence than the Uniformed Services Former Spouses' Protection Act (USFSPA). It *authorizes state courts to award up to 50 percent of a uniformed servicemember's retired pay to an ex-spouse for life*, and does not preclude the contemporaneous award of other support from retired pay.

*You absolutely cannot afford to hire an attorney who knows less about this law than you do.*

Whether single, divorced or contemplating divorce, you need to know about the *20 factors that affect military divorces* and how the divorce process and retired pay are influenced by the USFSPA.

If you are a lawyer who represents uniformed personnel or are a military attorney, this book will provide information you need to *better represent or advise* clients in this specialized area of domestic relations law. You must be informed about the 23 changes to the USFSPA which have been made since its enactment in 1982.

Learn about the *12 controversies* cited in divorce case appeals, which have created problems through as many interpretations as there are courts.



The USFSPA applies to active duty, reserve/guard, and retired military; the US Coast Guard; and members of the USPHS and the NOAA.



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