



LEGAL SERVICES ONBOARD NSA NAPLES



**Region Legal Service Office
EURAFCENT**



Victim's Legal Counsel



Defense Service Office North



4 Legal Offices Onboard NSA Naples

DEFENSE SERVICE OFFICE

- Location: NSA Naples Capo, Admin Bldg. II, 1st Fl. (Italian)
- Services for military only
- Provides legal counsel in case of possible UCMJ violations, NCIS investigations, DRB, NJP, ADSEPs
- Provides advice on how to address complaints against the US Government (chain of command)
- Contact:
dsonorthrequestforcounsel@eu.navy.mil
- DSN: 626-3131/ COMM: 081-568-3131

REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE (Combined Services)

- Location: NSA Naples Capo, Admin Bldg. II, 1st Fl. (Italian)
- Staff Judge Advocate, Non-Federal Entities, Foreign Criminal Jurisdiction
- Advises NSA Naples Tenant commands
- Questions regarding disciplinary issues, fundraisers/HBB, and legal hold

VICTIM'S LEGAL COUNSEL

- Location: NSA Support Site, Fleet & Family (1st floor) in Bldg.
- Represents victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and related offenses
- Provides advice regarding reporting options, criminal investigations, victim rights, and the military justice process; can directly represent victim interests in court-martials

REGION LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE (Legal Assistance)

- Location: NSA Naples Capo, Admin Bldg. II, 1st Fl. (Italian)
- Provides advice on Wills/Estate planning, family law, consumer law, limited immigration law, and other matters on US law
- Provides Notary and Power of Attorney Services
- Attorney services are by appointment only
- Hours of Operation: M, W-F: 0900-1430; Tues 0900-1200
- For Appointments:
 - Call: (+39) 081-568-4576
 - Email: napleslegalassistance@us.navy.mil



Legal Assistance Eligibility

Legal Assistance Eligibility Overseas

- Active duty and their dependents (priority for deployers)
- GS Civilians and their dependents
- Retirees and their dependents
- Recalled Reservists (for more than 30 days)
- Contractors (limited to services listed in employment contract, usually notary only)



Notary Services

- Notary Services
 - Walk-in hours daily from 0900-1100 or by appointment
 - Must bring 2 forms of valid photo ID (DoD ID + license or passport)
 - Expired ID's will not be accepted**
- **Do not sign your document(s) until you are in the presence of the notary**
- Mortgages, real estate refinance, and real-estate closing documents require an appointment for notary services
- Contact us at napleslegalassistance@us.navy.mil to schedule an appointment



Special Powers of Attorney

A power of attorney allows someone else to act on your behalf or exercise your rights. Please consider getting SPOAs completed prior to deployment or PCS.

Examples of SPOA:

- * Motor Vehicle Sale/Registration
 - * Buying/Selling House
 - * Military Housing/Household Goods
 - * In loco parentis
 - * Family Care Plan
 - * Banking/Financial
 - * Personal Property
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- SPOAs for Real Estate transactions are an attorney service and require an appointment.
 - GPOAs require an appointment with an attorney. Typically, you can get the coverage you need with an SPOA.
 - How to Draft your own SPOA on the next slide!!



Draft your own SPOA



<https://www.jag.navy.mil/legal-services/special-power-of-attorney/>

And...the MyNavyFamily app has more legal resources



Attorney Services

➤ ***Landlord/Tenant Issues:***

- Military attorneys handle only U.S. based landlord/tenant issues
- Housing office is the dispute resolution mechanism with Italian landlords

➤ ***Family Law (U.S.)***

- Marriage, Divorce, Child Support, Child Custody, NonSupport of Dependents

➤ ***Estate Planning (Wills and Healthcare documents)***

➤ ***Consumer Law***

- Contracts, Debt, Identity Theft, Consumer Fraud

➤ ***Servicemember's Civil Relief Act (SCRA)***

➤ ***Immigration*** (limited services)

- Naturalization for military members and family members of active duty military members only.

➤ We also have an Italian attorney available to discuss Italian law issues!



NATO SOFA & Italian Law

- Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) is the legal authority by which you are here in Italy.
 - It addresses criminal jurisdiction and provides exemption from certain taxes.
- Italian Law applies to **everybody** in this room.
- U.S. Citizens may only hold one status at a time: “SOFA protected” with a Missione Visa and Permesso de Soggiorno based on sponsor’s orders OR work visa, EU residency, permanent residency options. You can’t hold both types of legal status.
- If you and your spouse are the same sex and plan to have children while you’re in Italy, please contact our office immediately to discuss legal challenges in Italy.



Sojourner's Permits

- What is it: an Italian immigration document that legally authorizes you to stay in Italy for the duration of your orders
 - Different from the mission visa; it replaces the visa
- Required by Italian law for all non-EU citizens except Active duty military
 - Military dependents (children and newborns)
 - Civilian employees and their dependents
 - Contractors and their dependents
- Why do I need it?
 - It's the law!!
 - Must be carried in your or your dependents' passports at all times, especially when travelling
 - Your or your dependents' mission visa is only valid for 1 year
 - Sojourner's permits are required for re-entry to Italy
 - Children born in Italy will need a Sojourner's Permit



Applying for Sojourner's Permits

- Apply for a permit as soon as possible after arriving in Naples, at least within 30 days of your arrival into Italy!
- RLSO Legal Assistance Office will assist in the preparation of the applications and fingerprinting **ONLY** for:
 - Navy and Marine Corps personnel assigned to Navy commands and in Caserta and Napoli Provinces.
 - US Army and US Air Force personnel apply through the Provost Marshal's office at JFC (the Carabinieri office) EXCEPT
 - Army and Air Force personnel can apply at the RLSO office IF they work at NSA Naples (Capo or SS).
 - **ATTENTION:** If you choose to reside outside of the Naples and Caserta Provinces (e.g, Avellino), the RLSO cannot assist you in applying for your permit.
- You will drop off your required documents either during AO or at the RLSO EURAFCENT Legal Assistance Office at NSA Naples Capodichino
- You and/or dependent will be contacted for a fingerprinting appointment, required for first time applications
 - Children 14 yrs old and above **must** apply in person and be fingerprinted
 - Children 13 yrs old and below will apply through their parents



Sojourner's Permits

- Permits must be renewed if you are staying in Italy past the expiration date of your first permit
- **Pay Attention to the expiration date!**
 - Usually, the expiration date of the permit matches the sponsor's orders, but will not last longer than 3 years
 - We do NOT send reminder emails
 - Contact RLSO Legal Assistance to apply for renewal 90 days before the expiration date
 - If your permit will expire while traveling, apply **BEFORE** you travel outside of Italy
- Failing to apply for a renewal will result in paying out of pocket to fly back to the U.S. to apply for a new visa to re-enter Italy!!
- We do not control the Italian immigration office procedures and timelines. These applications can take up to 3 months.



Working in Italy under the SOFA

- There are opportunities for lawful employment for dependents while in Italy.
- Lawful employment includes:
 - Working directly for the U.S. Government, including MWR;
 - Teleworking to your U.S. Government job CONUS with prior approval from your organization's HRO (everyone) and USSSO Rome (if not working for DoD);
 - Volunteering for the USO or Red Cross on base; and
 - Teleworking for other U.S.-based employers
- For more information, please consult the FAQs at:
<https://cnreurafcen.cnmc.navy.mil/About/Job-Openings/Dependent-Opportunities-in-Italy//>
- We cannot assist you with a work visa application. Your U.S. employer will need to apply for a work visa for you before you arrive!



Legal Assistance Points of Contact

RLSO EURAFCENT Legal Assistance Office Location:
NSA Naples, Capodichino base; Building Admin II, on the first Italian floor (second deck), Room 1074

Contact us at: +39 081-568-4576; or
napleslegalassistance@us.navy.mil

Office Operating Hours:

- ☐ **Monday, Wednesday – Friday: 0900-1430**
- ☐ **Tuesday: 0900-1200**

The Legal Assistance office is closed on Federal Holidays and DONSAAs.