

LEGAL SERVICES ONBOARD NSA NAPLES





Region Legal Service Office EURAFCENT



Victim's Legal Counsel



Defense Service Office North

As of: July 2024



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: <u>dsonorthrequestforcounsel@eu.navy.mil</u>
- DSN: 626-3131/ COMM: 081-568-3131

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 (Combined Services)

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

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 Overseas

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







- 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 public
- Long mortgage refinance and real-estate closing documents require an appointment for notary acts
- Contact us at <u>napleslegalassistance@us.navy.mil</u> to schedule an appointment







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





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 <u>everybody</u> in this room.
- ➤ 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 your family will face.
- ➤ 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. You can't have both.





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 <u>as soon as possible</u> after arriving in Naples
- RLSO Legal Assistance Office will assist in the preparation of the applications and fingerprinting
 - Our office assists only Navy and Marine Corps personnel
 - 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 in our office IF they work at NSA Naples (Capo or SS)
- You will drop off your required documents either during AO or at the RLSO EURAFCENT Legal Assistance Office
- 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!
 - Approximately 2 years from date of entry into Italy
 - We do NOT send reminder emails
 - Contact RLSO Legal Assistance to apply for renewal 2 3 months before expiration
 - If your permit will expire while traveling, apply <u>BEFORE</u> you travel
- 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!!
- Renew in a timely manner; seek out our office for help
- ➤ 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 US government, including MWR;
 - Teleworking to your US government job CONUS with prior approval from your organization's HRO (everyone) and USSSO Rome (if not working for DoD);
 - Volunteering for USO or Red Cross
- ➤ For more information, please consult the FAQs at https://cnreurafcent.cnic.navy.mil/About/Job-Openings/Dependent-Opportunities-in-Italy//
- We cannot assist you with a work visa application. Your US employer will need to apply for a work visa for you!





Legal Assistance Points of Contact

Legal Assistance Office on Capo (RLSO)

Comm: 081-568-4576; DSN: 626-4576

napleslegalassistance@us.navy.mil

https://www.facebook.com/RLSOEURAFCENT

Notary Services:

Walk-Ins: Mon, Wed-Fri 0900-1430 and Tue 0900-1200

Appointments: Mon, Wed-Fri 1200-1400

FFSC Support Site Walk-Ins: Wed 0815-0915

Attorney Services:

Walk-Ins: Tuesday 0900-1200

Appointments: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1000-1400

*Closed on Federal Holidays and DONSAs

We are located on the second deck (first Italian floor) of Admin II on Capo.