

RLSO EURAFCENT

Legal Assistance and Sojourner Permits

Points of Contact

Legal Assistance Office on Capo (RLSO)

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<https://www.facebook.com/RLSOEURAFCENT>

Notary Services:

Walk-Ins: Mon-Fri 0900-1100

Appointments: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 1200-1400

FFSC Support Site Walk-Ins: Wed 1500-1600

Attorney Services:

Walk-Ins: Tuesday 0900-1200

Appointments: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1000-1500

*Closed on Federal Holidays and DONSA's

WHERE?

Second deck (first Italian floor) of Admin II on Capo.

Who is eligible for Legal Assistance?

- * 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)

***Some civilian contractors- can stop by or call our office to verify**

Legal Assistance Services (Non-attorney)

- * Sojourner's Permits
 - * Required for all except active duty military
 - * Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard: permits processed at RLSO on Capo
 - * Army and Air Force: permits processed at Provost Marshal office on JFC
- * Special Powers of Attorney (SPOA)
 - * SPOAs for Banking/Financial, Family Care Plan, Real Estate, Personal Property, Household Goods, Motor Vehicle Sale/Registration, and more.
 - * Visit our website to generate your SPOA and bring it into our office
- * http://www.jag.navy.mil/legal_services/SPOA.htm
- * Notary Services
 - * By appointment only during normal business hours
 - * Must bring 2 forms of photo ID (DoD ID + license or passport)

Sojourner's Permits

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- * Check your packet for required documents
- * Two step process
- * Required by Italian Law for everybody living in Italy **except** Active Duty Military and EU citizens
- * You'll hear more from Ms. Petrarca on this topic during her brief

Special Powers of Attorney

- * Motor Vehicle Sale/Registration
 - * Buying/Selling House
 - * Military Housing/Household Goods
 - * In loco parentis
 - * Family Care Plan
 - * Banking/Financial
 - * Personal Property
 - * Wine shipment
- * **Please visit:**
http://www.jag.navy.mil/legal_services/SPOA.htm
- * SPOAs for Real Estate transactions are an attorney service and require an appointment
 - * GPOAs are to be avoided at all costs. We'll help you get the coverage you need with SPOAs.

Notary Services

- * Walk-ins are NOT available
- * **Please do not sign your document(s) until you are in the presence of the notary public**
- * Please bring **two forms** of **valid** identification (CAC & passport or driver's license) ****Expired ID's will not be accepted****
- * For large mortgage refinance and real-estate closing documents make that clear when requesting an appointment.
- * Contact us at naples.legal@eu.navy.mil to schedule an appointment for your notary service.

SCRA and Military Benefits (US businesses only)

- * 6% cap on interest rates
- * Stay of legal proceedings and default judgments in US
- * Protection from eviction (US only)
- * Timely termination of leases, including vehicles, without repercussions (US only)
- * Fraud, credit/debt, and predatory lending

Immigration, Naturalization, and Visas

- * Contact our office and your CCR if you have any questions about forms, process, or from which requirements you may be excepted. Our local expert is available to help.
- * Please contact us for a document review before you submit your applications. We can find and help you fix errors before it becomes an emergency or costs you extra money.
- * Visit [USCIS.gov](https://uscis.gov) for forms and instructions

Landlord/Tenant

- * Disputes with landlords or tenants?
 - * Military attorneys handle only US based landlord/tenant issues
 - * Housing office is the dispute resolution mechanism with Italian landlords. Their brief will explain.

Family-Related

- * **Marrying a foreign national**
 - * You must get authorization from your command and follow the CNREURAFSWA Marriage Instruction. Ask your admin office for the instruction and forms.
- * **Divorce**
- * **Child custody and child support**
- * **Adoption**
- * **Paternity**
- * **Family care plan assistance**
 - * It is important to understand the limitations under **international kidnapping laws**

Wills and Estate Planning

- * Wills for you and your dependents
- * Advanced Healthcare Directives
- * Durable General Powers of Attorney for finances and health care

Victims' Rights

Have you been the victim of a crime?

- * Victim's Legal Counsel is primary support for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence
- * For all other crimes, we can inform you of your legal rights and options and refer you to other support services.

Passports for Military Personnel and Family Members

- * If you plan on travelling outside of Italy or want to stay at a hotel in Italy, you will need to obtain a tourist passport.
- * **US Consulate Naples** - for obtaining your first, renewing, or other passport related issues.
- * Piazza della Repubblica 2, 80122 Napoli
- * <https://it.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/passports/>
- * 0830-1230 M-F
- * This is the only option for obtaining a tourist passport in Naples. No one in our office is a certified passport acceptance agent.

SOFA & Italian Laws

- * 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.
- * 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.

Working in Italy w/ SOFA protected Status

If it's not for the US Government, it's not legal

- * Lawful employment includes
 - * Working directly for the US government, including MWR
 - * Teleworking to you 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
 - * Providing a service for free and charging for materials (baking, computer repair, hair styling, etc.)
- * Unlawful employment includes
 - * Running a home based business (catering, cake baking, photography,
 - * Teleworking to a job in the US
 - * MLM businesses (Pampered Chef, DoTerra, Mary Kay, etc.)
 - * **There is no waiver request process because the US government can't give you permission to violate Italian tax and immigration laws.**

Work Visas

- * If you plan to work in Italy for an entity other than the U.S. federal government, your employer will need to apply for a work visa for you.
- * The application process is lengthy, complex, and expensive in many cases.

Bottom line: RLSO EURAFCENT cannot assist you with your work visa application.

Ciao!

- * We hope you don't need us often, but we're here if you do!