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I invite your attention to www.servicemembers-lawcenter.org. You will find 1289 “Law Review” articles in the primary index plus another 118 in our “state leave laws” index. I am the author or co-author of the great majority of these articles. Most of the articles are about the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) and related laws, but we also have articles about the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA), the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), the Uniformed Services Former Spouse Protection Act (USFSPA)², and other laws that are especially pertinent to those who serve our country in uniform. We have a detailed Subject Index and a search function, to facilitate finding articles about very specific topics.

I initiated this column for the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) in 1997. I wrote many of the articles during the six years (June 2009 through May 2015) that I was the Director of ROA’s Service Members Law Center (SMLC), as a full-time ROA employee. During that time, I received and responded to more than 35,000 e-mail and telephone inquiries from service members, military family members, employers, attorneys, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) volunteers, Department of Labor (DOL) investigators, congressional staffers, reporters, and others. About half of the inquiries were about USERRA, and the other half were about everything you can think of that has something to do with military service and law.

¹ Captain Wright is the author or co-author of more than 1,200 of the more than 1,400 “Law Review” articles available at www.servicemembers-lawcenter.org. He has been dealing with the federal reemployment statute for 33 years and has made it the focus of his legal career. He developed the interest and expertise in this law during the decade (1982-92) that he worked for the United States Department of Labor (DOL) as an attorney. Together with one other DOL attorney (Susan M. Webman), he largely drafted the interagency task force work product that President George H.W. Bush presented to Congress (as his proposal) in February 1991. On October 13, 1994, President Bill Clinton signed into law the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), Public Law 103-353. The version that President Clinton signed in 1994 was 85% the same as the Webman-Wright draft. Wright has also dealt with the VRRA and USERRA as a judge advocate in the Navy and Navy Reserve, as an attorney for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), as an attorney for the United States Office of Special Counsel (OSC), and as an attorney in private practice, at Tully Rinckey PLLC. For the last six years (June 2009 through May 2015), he was the Director of ROA’s Service Members Law Center (SMLC), as a full-time employee of ROA. In June 2015, he returned to Tully Rinckey PLLC, this time in an “of counsel” relationship. To schedule a consultation with Samuel F. Wright or another Tully Rinckey PLLC attorney concerning USERRA or other legal issues, please call Mr. Zachary Merriman of the firm’s Client Relations Department at (518) 640-3538. Please mention Captain Wright when you call.

² The USFSPA articles are by Colonel Mark Sullivan, USA (Ret.).

My ROA employment ended on 31 May, but I have continued the work of the SMLC as a volunteer and ROA member. We have added 70 new Law Review articles since 31 May, and I have continued to monitor calls and e-mails that come to me through ROA, and I have responded as time permits.