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Ashleigh Backman is the Pro Bono Manager and Intake Attorney at the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center (CVLC). Celebrating its 10th Anniversary, CVLC is the first legal aid program in the country to establish a medical-legal partnership with the Veteran Administration (VA) healthcare system.

CVLC's medical-legal partnership eliminates access to justice barriers by integrating legal services into the setting where veterans already receive other forms of care, including mental health treatment, addiction recovery support, and primary healthcare services.

Attorney Backman cultivates, trains, and stewards pro bono relationships across the state and leverages members of the private bar to provide pro bono legal services and increase access to justice for our veterans facing homelessness and living with mental health issues.

Prior to joining CVLC, she worked as a legal aid attorney and Pro Bono Attorney Manager at Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut, Inc. where she managed four pro bono programs and community-based outreach and advocacy.

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