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Peter Perkowski is a Clinical Instructor at the Veterans Legal Clinic, one of six clinical offerings of the Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School, the school's oldest and largest clinical teaching facility. The Center provides legal services to over 1,200 clients annually while offering law students the opportunity to gain practical legal experience handling real cases for real clients under the supervision of experienced practitioners and mentors. The Veterans Legal Clinic represents veterans and their families before state and federal agencies, including the Department of Veterans Affairs, using creative legal strategies not just to vindicate the rights of individual veterans, but to pursue systemic reforms within the institutions and programs that are designed to support the veteran community.



Before joining the Center, Peter served as the Legal & Policy director of OutServe-SLDN (now known as the Modern Military Association of America), a non-profit civil-rights organization dedicated to fighting inequality and injustice against military personnel and veterans based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or HIV status. Peter directly advised and assisted service members and veterans with legal needs pertaining to equal access, equal treatment, and equal service; he also represented the organization in impact litigation and as amicus curiae in high-profile cases that would affect the lives of the LGBTQ+ military community. At OutServe-SLDN, Peter engaged in advocacy before Congress, the Defense and Veterans Affairs Departments, and state governments on behalf of individuals and the community.

Peter received his J.D. from George Washington University Law School, a B.A. (Mathematics) from the University of Rochester, and an M.A. (Kinesiology) from California State University, Long Beach. In his spare time, Peter serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of APLA Health (previously known as AIDS Project Los Angeles), a federally qualified health clinic primarily serving populations who are economically challenged, LGBTQ+, and/or living with HIV. Peter is also a Director of MPact—Global Action for Gay Men's Health and Rights (formerly The Global Forum on MSM & HIV), an organization that advocates for equitable access to effective HIV prevention, care, treatment, and support services for gay men and bisexual men, including those living with HIV, while promoting their health and human rights worldwide. He currently lives in Los Angeles.