

Endowment fund for veterans honors memory of legendary lawyer, Marine



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Joe Jamail tells stories in his office on October 17, 2003

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A legal aid endowment fund for Texas veterans has been established to honor the legacy of Texas trial lawyer Joe Jamail.

The Joe Jamail Endowment for Veteran Legal Services was established by Jamail's longtime friend and one-time employee Richard Mithoff. Mithoff contributed \$100,000 to launch the fund which has grown to \$400,000. The money will be used to help veterans avoid homelessness, promote stability in their family relationships and help them with employment problems. Jamail, who died in 2015, was a Marine before he was a lawyer.

The endowment is managed by the Texas Access to Justice Foundation which was created in 1984 to provide funding for civil legal aid in Texas.



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Richard Mithoff talks in the war room at his penthouse office in Houston - July 12, 2016



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Joe Jamail - Dec. 11, 1987