

## **FACT SHEET**

Process for Accredited Attorney and Claims Agent Contact Change Requests

### **BACKGROUND**

This Office of Business Integration (OBI) Fact Sheet provides guidance for updating mailing addresses in the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) Corporate database and in the Office of General Counsel (OGC) Accreditation, Discipline, & Fees database. The attorney or claims agent should initiate contact information updates with **both** VBA and OGC.

### **GUIDANCE**

To initiate an address change with VA, an accredited attorney or claims agent needs to update contact information in the VBA Corporate database and in the OGC Accreditation, Discipline, & Fees database. Each individual attorney or claims agent must submit their own change of contact information request.

### VBA Corporate Database

To update contact information in the VBA Corporate database, the accredited attorney or claims agent needs to open an incident ticket in the Office of Information Technology (OI&T) YourIT system. Contact the YourIT service desk at 1-855-673-4357 and provide the following information:

- Representative POA code
- Name of attorney or claims agent
- Role: Attorney or Claims Agent
- New Representative contact information:
  - Address
  - o Phone
  - Fax
  - Email
- Request that the ticket be routed to the VBA Corporate Database (VBA CORP DA) team for processing.

<sup>\*</sup>If you do not know your POA code, it may be located through a name search at https://www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp.

After the request is submitted, YourIT will provide a ticket number for tracking purposes.

To expedite the process, send an email to <u>vbaco\_rfia@va.gov</u> ("underscore between") and include your YourIT ticket number.

# OGC Accreditation, Discipline, & Fees Database

To update contact information in OGC's Accreditation, Discipline, & Fees database, the accredited attorney or claims agent should contact OGC at <a href="mailto:ogcaccreditationmailbox@va.gov">ogcaccreditationmailbox@va.gov</a> and include the following information:

- Representative POA code
- Name of attorney or claims agent
- Role: Attorney or Claims Agent
- New Representative contact information:
  - Address
  - o Phone
  - o Fax
  - o Email

#### **NEXT STEPS**

The YourlT service desk will process the request for a change in the VBA Corporate database within 14 business days. To check on the status of the request, contact the National Service Desk at 1-855-673-4357 and provide the ticket number.

OGC generally processes address changes within 72 hours. To verify that the correct address is on file with OGC, go to https://www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp.

### CONTACT

For additional questions on updating contact information in VBA's Corporate database, please send inquiries to the OBI Corporate mailbox at <a href="mailto:obi.vbaco@va.gov">obi.vbaco@va.gov</a>.

For additional questions on updating your contact information in OGC's Accreditation, Discipline, & Fees database, please send inquiries to the OGC accreditation mailbox at <a href="mailto:ogcaccreditationmailbox@va.gov">ogcaccreditationmailbox@va.gov</a>.