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# In GI Bill Case, VA Drops Appeal, Giving Another 1.2 Million Vets Extra Education Benefits

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Tim McHugh and Mary Grace Metcalfe, partners with Troutman Pepper Locke, were quoted in the March 11, 2026 *Chicago Sun-Times* article, [“In GI Bill Case, VA Drops Appeal, Giving Another 1.2 Million Vets Extra Education Benefits.”](#)

Timothy McHugh, one of several dozen attorneys around the country who worked pro bono, said it’s a relief the VA dropped its stance.

“This is a huge step in the right direction,” said McHugh, a former Army paratrooper and Virginia attorney with the law firm Troutman Pepper Locke.

But McHugh and other lawyers said the fight isn’t over.

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“The old rules are still on the books,” said attorney Mary Grace Metcalfe, of Troutman Pepper Locke, who called the VA’s turnabout a positive “first step.”

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