

Organization and Mission—Field

AIR FORCE LEGAL SERVICES CENTER (AFLSC)

This regulation sets forth the mission and assigned duties of the AFLSC, a separate operating agency.

1. Mission of the AFLSC:

a. Overall Mission. AFLSC provides legal services Air Force-wide in the functional areas of military justice, patents, claims and tort litigation, general litigation, labor law, environmental law, contract law, preventive law, and legal assistance. It manages personnel programs for active duty and reserve judge advocates, and airmen and civilians assigned to legal services. It also plans and provides for functional information needs and communications-computer systems requirements.

b. Elements and Objectives. The AFLSC is the office of primary responsibility (OPR) for:

(1) Reviewing the military justice administration throughout the Air Force.

(2) Providing statutory review of Air Force records of court-martial trials and clemency evaluations to The Judge Advocate General (TJAG) and the Secretary of the Air Force.

(3) Recommending to TJAG the designation of commanders who are authorized to convene general courts-martial.

(4) Reviewing the board for correction of military records cases that involve military justice issues.

(5) Providing appellate government counsel and functional supervision and assistance to the circuit trial counsel.

(6) Providing appellate defense counsel and functional supervision and assistance to the circuit and area defense counsel.

(7) Providing military judges for Air Force general and special courts-martial, legal advisors for Air Force administrative boards as available, officers to conduct investigations under the provisions of Article 32, Uniform Code of Military Justice, as available, and hearing

officers for administrative law hearings such as Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) hearings, Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act (SARA) hearings, and other administrative hearings, as available.

(8) Administering Air Force programs that concern inventions, patents copyrights, and trademarks.

(9) Administering laws that relate to claims both on behalf of and against the Air Force, as well as tort claims and litigation arising out of US Air Force operations and activities.

(10) Managing disputes, controversies, and litigation that involve the Air Force, its employees, agents, and contractors.

(11) Providing labor law expertise for use throughout the Air Force. Also, providing counsel to represent the Air Force in unfair labor practice complaints and representation proceedings under Executive Order 11491 and other civilian personnel proceedings on proper request.

(12) Providing Air Force legal representation regarding environmental matters before the Environmental Protection Agency regional headquarters, the states, and their regional and local implementing agencies.

(13) Providing utility law expertise for use throughout the Air Force.

(14) Advising TJAG on all contract matters, including fraud, waste and abuse and furnishing direct contract law support to all major command staff judge advocates and their base legal offices.

(15) Planning, developing, and managing communications-computer systems and automated management information systems in support of claims, military justice, office automation, and other legal service programs.

(16) Administering the Air Force preventive law and legal assistance programs.

(17) Managing active duty and reserve judge advocates procurement and training, recommending to TJAG assignments of these officers, and monitoring matters that relate to civilians and airmen assigned to the Judge Advocate function.

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2. Special Assigned Duties. The AFLSC is the OPR for:

- a. Operating the Federal Legal Information Through Electronics (FLITE) system and the Defense Emergency Authorities Retrieval and Analysis System (DEARAS) as DOD's executive agent for computer assisted legal research.
- b. Representing the Air Force on the Armed Services Individual Income Tax Council.
- c. Providing Air Force representation on the Armed Forces Tax Group.
- d. Reviewing and processing appeals under the Freedom of Information Act to the appellate authority, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, and furnishing panel member on appeals under the Privacy Act.
- e. Overall management of functional area

communications-computer systems activities pursuant to the AFR 700 series.

3. Relationships to Other Commands and Agencies:

- a. TJAG serves as the Commander, AFLSC, and is the focal point for communications between AFLSC and HQ USAF. The Director, USAF Judiciary serves as Vice Commander.
- b. AFLSC and its subordinate units receive base operating support and staff support from other major commands through host-tenant agreements, or memoranda of understanding.
- c. AFLSC may communicate directly with other organizations, departments, and agencies on matters essential to perform the assigned mission.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This revision delineates AFLSC functional responsibilities in the areas of environmental law, utility law, and contract law, as well as communications-computer systems and automated management information systems functions.