

## Provision of Legal Services Evaluation

### Background

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1. **Background.** Under authority granted by 10 U.S.C. § 806, 1044, 5046 and SECNAVINST 5430.27D, the Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps (SJA to CMC) visits all Marine Corps installations in order to assess the provision of legal services. SJA to CMC has developed uniform information requirements for use in these visits which, in conjunction with CGIP inspections, give Commanders and their SJAs an additional and more robust opportunity to assess legal readiness. (SAP pg. 26).

a. The OIC, Legal Services Support Section (LSSS), is responsible to the Commanding General of their respective Marine Corps Installation for the provision of legal services in garrison, beyond the organic capability of cognizant SJAs, to all operating forces and supporting establishment commands within the LSSS's designated LSSA. The LSSS, along with its subordinate Legal Services Support Teams provide legal services as a function of legal support and sustainment.

b. To satisfy these requirements, each LSSS Regional Office consists of these 7 functional offices:

- Regional Trial Counsel Office;
- Regional Post-Trial Review Office;
- Regional Administrative Support Office;
- Regional Legal Assistance Office;
- Regional Civil Law Office;
- Regional Defense Counsel Office; and
- Regional Victim Legal Counsel;

c. This evaluation seeks to quantitatively evaluate the performance of the LSSS in providing legal services in each functional area and report findings to the OIC, LSSS and their respective commander.

d. Due to the nature of services provided by the Defense Services Organization (DSO) and Victims Legal Counsel Organization (VLCO), the respective heads of these organizations will be utilized by the Article 6 inspection team in order to evaluate the provision of services rendered and report their findings directly to the SJA to CMC.

2. The following checklists are published in order to assess the provision of legal services throughout the Marine Corps.

Tab A: Officer in Charge, Legal Services Support Section

Tab B: Officer in Charge, Legal Services Support Team

Tab C: Administrative Support

Tab D: Trial Services

Tab E: Post Trial Review & Court Reporters

Tab F: Legal Assistance

Tab G: Civil Law

Tab H: Administrative Law