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From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: Responsibility of the Judge Advocate General for supervision of certain legal services

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §5148(d) (1970)
(b) SECNAV Instruction 5430.18
(c) SECNAV Instruction 5430.25D

1. Purpose. The purpose of this instruction is to prescribe, pursuant to references (a) and (b), the responsibility of the Judge Advocate General of the Navy for the supervision of certain legal services in the Department of the Navy in addition to those performed in the Office of the Judge Advocate General.

2. Cancellation. SECNAV Instruction 5430.27 is hereby superseded.

3. Cognizance. In addition to military justice and military law, the Judge Advocate General has cognizance of such legal duties and services throughout the Department of the Navy as are not provided by the General Counsel of the Navy. The Judge Advocate General will maintain a close working relationship with the General Counsel on all matters of common interest. He shall also have responsibility for liaison with other departments and agencies of the government in appropriate cases.

4. Litigation. The Judge Advocate General will keep the General Counsel informed of the status of all litigation under the Judge Advocate General's cognizance, including all proposed Navy appeal recommendations to the Department of Justice. In appropriate cases, designated by the Secretary as "of major and continuing concern to the Secretary," the General Counsel will share responsibility with the Judge Advocate General for liaison with the Attorney General and the Department of Justice in connection with such cases.

5. Civilian Personnel Law. The Judge Advocate General, in coordination with the General Counsel, shall provide legal services in the field of civilian personnel law, including

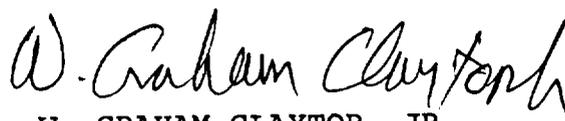
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labor-management relations and equal employment opportunity matters, throughout the Operating Forces of the Navy and the Shore Establishment. Judge advocates assigned to activities of the Operating Forces or the Shore Establishment, under the overall coordination and policy guidance of the Office of Civilian Personnel Law, shall provide legal services in the field of civilian personnel law at that activity.

6. Supervision of Legal Services. Chiefs of bureaus and offices and other cognizant authority will furnish the Judge Advocate General such information as he may require in matters within his jurisdiction as herein prescribed relating to the duties performed by attorneys, military or civilian, within the Department of the Navy. The Judge Advocate General will make provision for appropriate supervision of legal services and for such liaison as may be deemed to be essential between his office and legal activities located elsewhere within the Department of the Navy.

7. Attorneys within the Cognizance of the Judge Advocate General. Attorneys, military and civilian, performing duties within the cognizance of the Judge Advocate General will report to the chiefs of bureaus or offices or heads of other activities to which attached and will be responsible to them for their performance of duties subject to such supervision as may be exercised by the Judge Advocate General in accordance with paragraph 3. hereof. Appointments, promotions, and similar personnel actions affecting civilian attorneys employed by the Department of the Navy who perform legal functions within the cognizance of the Judge Advocate General shall only be effected with the concurrence of the Judge Advocate General.

8. Exception. The foregoing shall not apply to the Board for Correction of Naval Records.



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