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JAG/CNLSC INSTRUCTION 1500.1A

From: Judge Advocate General/Commander, Naval Legal Service Command

Subj: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

1. Purpose. To revise the Professional Development Program (PDP) for the continued training of judge advocates and legalmen.

2. Cancellation. JAG/CNLSC Instruction 1500.1.

3. Policy. Professional development training is necessary to ensure that all judge advocates, limited duty officers (law), and legalmen are continually trained and properly informed in all relevant professional areas. To assist in meeting these requirements, the PDP is established with expected participation by all judge advocates, limited duty officers (law), and legalmen. Training and indoctrination for judge advocates should include presentations on management, leadership, ethics, military and civil law, and general military subjects. To the greatest extent possible, PDP's should be designed to enable each judge advocate to satisfy his/her mandatory State CLE requirements. Additionally, training for LDOs should enhance their legal, leadership, and management skills. For enlisted personnel, the PDP should reinforce basic clerical, paralegal, and administrative skills and encourage the development of research, problem-solving, and writing techniques. Moreover, emphasis on skills required for advancement should be included in this training.

4. Action

a. The Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Military Personnel and Training) is responsible for overall PDP management and coordination.

b. Commanding Officer, Naval Justice School shall:

(1) Develop, update, and distribute a core instructional program of lessons on military and civil law and legal ethics for use in the regional PDP.

(2) Effect liaison with State bars/licensing agencies to ensure that the instructional programs developed meet CLE certification requirements to the greatest extent possible.

c. Commanding officers of naval legal service offices shall:

(1) Establish and implement a regional PDP which supplements the lessons developed by the Naval Justice School with locally developed lessons in the areas of management, leadership, general military training, and other topics of local interest.

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(2) Issue an instruction implementing this directive and forward copy of such instruction to the Judge Advocate General (Code 61).

(3) Ensure the participation, at least monthly, of all Naval Legal Service Office military personnel in the regional PDP.

(4) Provide area staff judge advocates and reservists with access to, and the opportunity to participate in, the regional PDP.

(5) Maintain accurate records of PDP training conducted, including: program descriptions, when conducted, and names of attendees, and necessary reports to State bars to obtain CLE credit for area judge advocates attending PDP training.

d. Training Coordinator, Office of the Judge Advocate General/Headquarters, Naval Legal Service Command, shall establish and implement a PDP under this instruction for military personnel assigned to the Office of the Judge Advocate General and Headquarters, Naval Legal Service Command.

e. The following reports will be filed:

(1) Commanding Officer, Naval Justice School, shall publish annually on 1 December, or more frequently if in his discretion it becomes necessary to do so, a listing of the PDP instructional programs he has developed which have been approved for CLE credit by the various State certifying bodies. It will be distributed to the Judge Advocate General, Commander, Naval Legal Service Command, and commanding officers of naval legal service offices. This list shall include the course(s) concerned, the State(s) granting CLE credit for such course(s), the amount of CLE credit the State(s) authorized for the course(s), and information regarding the obtaining of such CLE credit.

(2) Commanding officers of naval legal service offices shall forward a letter report by 30 June of each year to the Judge Advocate General (Code 61) detailing PDP training conducted during the prior year and offering constructive comments for improvements.


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