

**UNITED STATES ARMY
COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS**

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OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE**



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These internal rules of practice and procedure, adopted by the U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals (A.C.C.A.), supersede the rules previously issued 16 December 1996 and all amendments thereto.

These rules were adopted pursuant to Rule 26 of the Courts of Criminal Appeals Rules of Practice and Procedure (hereinafter Joint C.C.A. Rules) issued jointly by the Judge Advocate Generals pursuant to Article 66(f) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, effective 1 May 1996 and published in volume 44, *West's Military Justice Reporter*. For the convenience of users, the Joint C.C.A. Rules have been printed herein in **boldface type**. The A.C.C.A. rules appear in regular type. They are available on the Court's website: www.jagcnet.army.mil/acca

The joint rules may be cited in the following style: C.C.A. R. 15(a). An Army rule may be cited as follows: A.C.C.A. R. 15.1(a).

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**Rule 1.
NAME AND SEAL**

(a) **The titles of the Courts of Criminal Appeals of the respective services are:**

- (1) **"United States Army Court of Criminal Appeals."**
- (2) **"United States Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals."**
- (3) **"United States Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals."**
- (4) **"United States Coast Guard Court of Criminal Appeals."**

(b) **Each Court is authorized a seal in the discretion of the Judge Advocate General concerned. The design of such seal shall include the title of the Court.**

Rule 1.1 Seal. The official seal of the Court is as follows:

On a dark blue disc, a gold (yellow) balance (the scales of justice), the stem between the scales and below the beam surmounted by a reproduction in gold (yellow) of the branch insignia of The Judge Advocate General's Corps, United States Army, all within a white border with inner and outer gold (yellow) edgings and bearing in dark blue lettering the inscription "UNITED STATES ARMY" at the top and "COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS" at the base, the two phrases separated by two gold (yellow) five-pointed stars. The seal is available on the Court's website at www.jagcnet.army.mil/acca. Permission to use this seal shall be requested from the Clerk of Court, U.S. Army Judiciary.

**Rule 2.
JURISDICTION**

(a) **The jurisdiction of the Court is as follows:**

(1) Review Under Article 66. All cases of trial by court-martial in which the sentence as approved extends to:

(A) death; or

(B) dismissal of a commissioned officer, cadet or midshipman, dishonorable or bad conduct discharge, or confinement for 1 year or longer; and in which the accused has not waived or withdrawn appellate review.

(2) Review upon Direction of the Judge Advocate General Under Article 69. All cases of trial by court-martial in which there has been a finding of guilty and a sentence:

(A) for which Article 66 does not otherwise provide appellate review, and

(B) which the Judge Advocate General forwards to the Court for review, pursuant to Article 69(d), and

(C) in which the accused has not waived or withdrawn appellate review.

(3) Review Under Article 62. All cases of trial by court-martial in which a punitive discharge may be adjudged and a military judge presides, and in which the Government appeals an order or ruling of the military judge that terminates the proceedings with respect to a charge or specification or excludes evidence that is substantial proof of a fact material to the proceedings, or directs the disclosure of classified information, imposes sanctions for nondisclosure of classified information, or refuses to issue or enforce a protective order sought by the United States to prevent the disclosure of classified information.

(4) Review Under Article 73. All petitions for a new trial in cases of trial by court-martial which are referred to the Court by the Judge Advocate General.

(b) Extraordinary Writs. The Court may, in its discretion, entertain petitions for extraordinary relief including, but not limited to, writs of mandamus, writs of prohibition, writs of habeas corpus, and writs of error coram nobis.

(c) Effect of Rules on Jurisdiction. Nothing in these Rules shall be construed to extend or limit the jurisdiction of the Courts of Criminal Appeals as established by law.

Rule 2.1 Ancillary Jurisdiction. The Court retains ancillary jurisdiction over cases initially reviewed pursuant to Article 66 and remanded by it for further proceedings, notwithstanding any consequent reduction of the sentence below the level requiring review pursuant to Article 66(b), U.C.M.J.

**Rule 3.
SCOPE OF REVIEW**

In cases referred to it for review pursuant to Article 66, the Court may act only with respect to the findings and sentence as approved by the convening authority. In reviewing a case or action under Article 69(d) or in determining an appeal under Article 62, the Court may act only with respect to matters of law. The Court may, in addition, review such other matters and take such other action as it determines to be proper under substantive law.

**Rule 4.
QUORUM**

(a) In Panel. When sitting in panel, a majority of the judges assigned to that panel constitutes a quorum for the purpose of hearing or determining any matter referred to the panel. The determination of any matter referred to the panel shall be according to the opinion of a majority of the judges participating in the decision. However, any judge present for duty may issue all necessary orders concerning any proceedings pending on panel and any judge present for duty, or a clerk of court or commissioner to whom the Court has delegated authority, may act on uncontested motions, provided such action does not finally dispose of a petition, appeal, or case before the Court.

(b) En Banc. When sitting as a whole, a majority of the judges of the Court constitutes a quorum for the purpose of hearing and determining any matter before the Court. The determination of any matter before the Court shall be according to the opinion of a majority of the judges participating in the decision. In the absence of a quorum, any judge present for duty may issue all necessary orders concerning any proceedings pending in the Court preparatory to hearing or decision thereof.

Rule 5.
PLACE FOR FILING PAPERS

When the filing of a notice of appearance, brief, or other paper in the office of a Judge Advocate General is required by these rules, such papers shall be filed in the office of the Judge Advocate General of the appropriate armed force or in such other place as the Judge Advocate General or rule promulgated pursuant to Rule 26 hereof may designate. If transmitted by mail or other means, they are not filed until received in such office.

Rule 5.1 Place for Filing Papers. All pleadings and other papers relative to a case should be submitted to:

Clerk of Court
U.S. Army Judiciary (JALS-CC)
901 North Stuart Street, Suite 1200
Arlington, VA 22203-1837

Rule 5.2 Facsimile Filing (See also Rule 20(c)).

Any paper not exceeding 25 pages in length in its entirety may be filed by facsimile transmission. The paper must comply with the typographical requirements of Rule 15.1(b) and must show the sender's facsimile and voice telephone numbers. Except as indicated below, if the facsimile shows the signature required by Rule 6.1 and the certificate of service on opposing counsel required by Rule 15.1(c), a signed original copy need not be sent unless so ordered by the Court. As exceptions, a signed original of the following documents, in addition to the facsimile copy, must be sent by the fastest available means: (1) a Petition for New Trial (Rule 22.1(b)); (2) any statement made under oath or penalty of perjury (Rule 23(b)); (3) a Petition for Extraordinary Relief (Rule 20.1); and (4) any document submitted to comply with the requirement for an original copy of that document in the original record of trial, such as a Charge Sheet or Action of the Convening Authority.

Current facsimile and voice telephone numbers:

Clerk of Court:
Facsimile: 703-696-8777
(DSN 426-8777)

Voice: 703-588-7908/7927/7920
(DSN 425-7908/7927/7920)

Government Appellate Division:
Facsimile: 703-696-8093
(DSN 426-8093)

Voice: 703-588-1909
(DSN 425-1909)

Defense Appellate Division:
Facsimile: 703-696-8100
(DSN 426-8100)

Voice: 703-588-5284
(DSN 425-5284)

**Rule 6.
SIGNING OF PAPERS**

All formal papers shall be signed and shall show, typewritten or printed, the signer's name, address, military grade (if any), and the capacity in which the paper is signed. Such signature constitutes a certification that the statements made therein are true and correct to the best of the knowledge, information, and belief of the persons signing the paper and that the paper is filed in good faith and not for purposes of unnecessary delay.

Rule 6.1 Signing Papers. Unless permitted to be filed by an individual appellant, each pleading or other paper will be signed by an attorney of record. This applies to original or facsimile filings; electronic signatures are not authorized. Requirements for admission to the Bar of the Court are set forth in Rules 8.1 and 8.2. Notice of appearance requirements are set forth in Rule 13.1(a). A paralegal or legal intern who assists in preparing a pleading or other paper may not sign the paper, but the assistance may be recognized in a footnote.

Rule 6.2 Signing "FOR" Another Attorney. One attorney of record may sign "FOR" another attorney of record whose signature block appears on the same pleading or other paper if authorized by that attorney to do so, in which event the Court will regard the latter as having personally signed the document.

Rule 7.
COMPUTATION OF TIME

In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by these rules, by order of the Court, or by any applicable statute, the day of the act, event or default after which the designated period of time begins to run is not to be included. The last day of the period so computed is to be included, unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, or, when the act to be done is the filing of a paper in court, a day on which the office of the Clerk of the Court is closed due to weather or other conditions or by order of the Chief Judge, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is neither a Saturday, Sunday, nor a holiday.

Rule 8.
QUALIFICATION OF COUNSEL

(a) All Counsel. Counsel in any case before the Court shall be a member in good standing of the bar of a Federal Court, the highest court of a State or another recognized bar.

(b) Military Counsel. Assigned appellate defense and appellate government counsel shall, in addition, be qualified in accordance with Articles 27(b)(1) and 70(a), Uniform Code of Military Justice.

(c) Admission. Each Court may license counsel to appear before it. Otherwise, upon entering an appearance, counsel shall be deemed admitted pro hac vice, subject to filing a certificate setting forth required qualifications if directed by the Court.

(d) Suspension. No counsel may appear in any proceeding before the Court while suspended from practice by the Judge Advocate General of the service concerned.

Rule 8.1 Qualification of Counsel. No attorney may practice before this Court unless admitted to the Bar of the Court or appearing by leave of the Court pro hac vice (Rule 13.1(c)) or as an amicus curiae (Rule 15.4).

Rule 8.2 Admission to the Bar of the Court.

(a) The Court licenses counsel as permitted by Rule 8(c). To be eligible for admission to the Bar of the Court, an attorney must be a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, territory, commonwealth, or possession of the United States, bar of the District of Columbia, or bar of a federal court, and it must appear that the applicant's personal and professional character are good. There is no admission fee.

(b) Each applicant must file with the Clerk an application for admission on the form prescribed by the Court, together with a certificate from the presiding judge, clerk, or other appropriate officer of a court specified in Rule 8.2(a), showing that the applicant is a member of the bar in good standing. The certificate must be an original and dated within one year of the actual date of admission to the Bar of this Court. Applicants currently certified by a Judge Advocate General pursuant to Article 26(b) or 27(b)(1), U.C.M.J., may be admitted without a certificate of good standing; however, the Court may require evidence of certification. Applications are available on the Court's website at www.jagcnet.army.mil/acca.

(c) Admission is granted only on motion of a member of the Bar of the Court in good standing. The attorney to be admitted must be present. A Motion for Admission may be made at any session of the Court or, by leave of the Court, in chambers. For purposes of admission, a session of the Court may be held at such place and with such number of judges present as the Chief Judge may determine. The motion and oath shall be substantially in the following form:

MOTION

May it please the Court, I move the admission of [full name], a member of the Bar of [qualifying jurisdiction]. I have examined [his/her] credentials on file in the Office of the Clerk and I am satisfied that [he/she] possesses the necessary qualifications for membership in the Bar of this Court.

OATH

I, [full name], do solemnly [swear/affirm] that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I will conduct myself as an attorney and counselor of this Court uprightly and according to law. [So help me God.]

The form of the motion may be tailored for admission of more than one attorney. Also, the oath may be administered in interrogatory form ("Do you, [Full Name], solemnly swear . . ." "Do you and each of you solemnly swear . . .").

Rule 8.3 Attorneys Roll; Certificate of Admission. Each attorney admitted must sign the Roll Book and will receive a Certificate of Admission.

Rule 8.4 Honorary Membership. Honorary Membership in the Bar of the Court may be granted by the Chief Judge or by a majority of judges assigned to the Court to distinguished members of the legal profession of other nations. No oath is required. Honorary membership does not entitle the member to practice before the Court.

Rule 9. CONDUCT OF COUNSEL

The conduct of counsel appearing before the Court shall be in accordance with rules of conduct prescribed pursuant to Rule for Courts-Martial 109 by the Judge Advocate General of the service concerned. However, the Court may exercise its inherent power to regulate counsel appearing before it, including the power to remove counsel from a particular case for misconduct in relation to that case. Conduct deemed by the Court to warrant consideration of suspension from practice or other professional discipline shall be reported by the Court to the Judge Advocate General concerned.

Rule 9.1 Conduct of Counsel. Attorneys appearing before this Court are subject to the Rules of Professional Conduct for Lawyers set forth in Army Regulation 27-26. Violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct for Lawyers may result in disciplinary action.

Rule 9.2 Reporting Requirement. Any member of the Bar of this Court who is subjected to discipline that results in disbarment, suspension, or other loss of good standing in the bar of any court of the United States or the District of Columbia, or by a court of any State, Territory, Commonwealth, or Possession of the United States, must promptly so notify the Clerk of Court at the address shown in Rule 5.1. Likewise, any member of the Bar who

is suspended from practice in courts-martial or the Court of Criminal Appeals of any military service, or whose certification pursuant to Article 26(b) or 27(b)(1), U.C.M.J., is withdrawn for cause, shall promptly so notify the Clerk of Court.

Rule 10.

REQUEST FOR APPELLATE DEFENSE COUNSEL

An accused may be represented before the Court by appellate counsel detailed pursuant to Article 70(a) or by civilian counsel provided by the accused, or both. An accused who does not waive appellate review pursuant to Rule for Courts-Martial 1110 shall, within 10 days after service of a copy of the convening authority's action under Rule for Courts-martial 1107(h), forward to the convening authority or the Judge Advocate General:

(a) A request for representation by military appellate defense counsel, or

(b) Notice that civilian counsel has been retained or that action has been taken to retain civilian counsel (must include name and address of civilian counsel), or

(c) Both a request for representation by military appellate defense counsel under Rule 10(a) and notice regarding civilian counsel under Rule 10(b), or

(d) A waiver of representation by counsel.

Rule 11.

ASSIGNMENT OF COUNSEL

(a) When a record of trial is referred to the Court--

(1) if the accused has requested representation by appellate defense counsel, pursuant to Article 70(c)(1), counsel detailed pursuant to Article 70(a) will be assigned to represent the accused;

(2) if the accused gives notice that he or she has retained or has taken action to retain civilian counsel, appellate defense counsel shall be assigned to represent the interests of the accused pending appearance of civilian counsel. Assigned defense

counsel will continue to assist after appearance by civilian counsel unless excused by the accused;

(3) if the accused has neither requested appellate counsel nor given notice of action to retain civilian counsel, but has not waived representation by counsel, appellate defense counsel will be assigned to represent the accused, subject to excusal by the accused or by direction of the Court.

(b) In any case--

(1) the Court may request counsel when counsel have not been assigned;

(2) pursuant to Article 70(c)(2), and subject to Rule 11(a)(2), appellate defense counsel will represent the accused when the United States is represented by counsel before the Court.

Rule 12.

RETENTION OF CIVILIAN COUNSEL

When civilian counsel represents an accused before the Court, the Court will notify counsel when the record of trial is received. If both civilian and assigned appellate defense counsel represent the accused, the Court will regard civilian counsel as primary counsel unless notified otherwise. Ordinarily, civilian counsel will use the accused's copy of the record. Civilian counsel may reproduce, at no expense to the Government, appellate defense counsel's copy of the record.

Rule 12.1 Retention of Civilian Counsel. If an appellant has initially retained or indicated an intent to retain civilian counsel, the Chief, Defense Appellate Division, receives notice by virtue of the terms of appointment under Rule 11(a)(2). If, after the appointment of military appellate counsel, an appellant retains civilian counsel, the Chief, Defense Appellate Division, will ensure that the Clerk of Court is notified.

Rule 13.
NOTICE OF APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL

Military and civilian appellate counsel shall file a written notice of appearance with the Court. The filing of any pleading relative to a case which contains the signature of counsel constitutes notice of appearance of such counsel.

Rule 13.1 Notice of Appearance and Withdrawal of Counsel.

(a) Notices of Appearance are to be filed with the Clerk of Court. Signing a motion, as distinguished from a pleading, does not constitute notice of appearance. Civilian counsel shall file a written notice of appearance as soon as he/she is retained.

(b) (1) Except as indicated in (2), below, counsel may withdraw only by leave of the Court. A Motion to Withdraw as Counsel should state the reason for withdrawal and, if by an accused's counsel, must indicate whether the accused has been informed and what provisions have been made for continued representation.

(2) In noncapital cases and cases not scheduled for hearing, assigned military counsel need not move to withdraw when the withdrawal is due to counsel's reassignment from the appellate division and the representation will be continued by other assigned military counsel.

(c) If an attorney named on a pleading has not been admitted to the Bar of this Court, the pleading shall be accompanied by an application for admission to the Bar (Rule 8.2) or a Motion for Leave of Court to Appear Pro Hac Vice in the case in question. The motion must identify the courts to which the movant is admitted to practice and must indicate whether any disciplinary proceedings are pending against the movant.

Rule 14.
WAIVER OR WITHDRAWAL OF APPELLATE REVIEW

Withdrawals from appellate review, and waivers of appellate review filed after expiration of the period prescribed by Rule for Courts-Martial 1110(f) (1), will be referred to the Court for consideration. At its discretion, the Court may require the filing of a motion for withdrawal, issue a show cause order, or grant the

withdrawal without further action, as may be appropriate. The Court will return the record of trial, in a case withdrawn from appellate review, to the Judge Advocate General for action pursuant to Rule for Courts-Martial 1112.

Rule 14.1 Waiver or Withdrawal of Appellate Review.

(a) When a waiver of appellate review, which appears to have been timely filed with the convening authority and in substantial compliance with R.C.M. 1110, is received after a record of trial has been referred to the Court, but before the case is at issue, the Clerk of Court may revoke the referral and return the record to the trial jurisdiction for review pursuant to R.C.M. 1112. Otherwise, the waiver will be referred to the accused's appellate counsel or to the Court, as circumstances may require.

(b) Except as provided in Rule 14.1(a), a case may be withdrawn from appellate review only by order of the Court granting a Motion to Withdraw Appeal. The motion must be accompanied by an executed Department of Defense Form 2330, dated and signed both by counsel and the appellant, or by a request that the Court finds otherwise in substantial compliance with R.C.M. 1110.

(c) Government appeals pursuant to Article 62, U.C.M.J., are withdrawn as indicated in Rule 21.1. Other pending matters may be withdrawn by Motion to Withdraw naming the matter to be withdrawn.

Rule 15.

ASSIGNMENTS OF ERROR AND BRIEFS

(a) **General Provisions.** Appellate counsel for the accused may file an assignment of error if any are to be alleged, setting forth separately each error asserted. The assignment of errors should be included in a brief for the accused in the format set forth in Attachment 2. An original of all assignments of error and briefs, and as many additional copies as shall be prescribed by the Court, shall be submitted. Briefs and assignments of errors shall be typed or printed, double-spaced on white paper, and securely fastened at the top. All references to matters contained in the record shall show record page numbers and any exhibit designations. A brief on behalf of the government shall be of like character as that prescribed for the accused.

(b) **Time for Filing and Number of Briefs.** Any brief for an accused shall be filed within 60 days after appellate counsel has been notified of the receipt of the record in the Office of the Judge Advocate General. If the Judge Advocate General has directed appellate government counsel to represent the United States, such counsel shall file an answer on behalf of the government within 30 days after any brief and assignment of errors has been filed on behalf of an accused. Appellate counsel for an accused may file a reply brief no later than 7 days after the filing of a response brief on behalf of the government. If no brief is filed on behalf of an accused, a brief on behalf of the government may be filed within 30 days after expiration of the time allowed for the filing of a brief on behalf of the accused.

(c) **Appendix.** The brief of either party may include an appendix. If an unpublished opinion is cited in the brief, a copy shall be attached in an appendix. The appendix may also include extracts of statutes, rules, or regulations, but a motion must be filed under Rule 23, *infra*, to attach any other matter.

Rule 15.1 Briefs, Petitions, and Other Papers Filed with the Court.

(a) As an exception to Rule 15(b), the Court will issue a scheduling order in cases remanded directly by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces or in cases returned to the Court following further proceedings below.

(b) Any pleading or other paper filed with the Court must be submitted in original, signed copy, except those filed by facsimile as permitted by Rule 5.2. The original copy must be typed double-spaced in Courier New, 12 point, so as to produce a clear black image on a single side of white 8.5-inch by 11-inch, 20-pound paper. All papers shall be prepunched for a two-and-three-fourths-inch-wide prong fastener at the top center for insertion into a record of trial. Additional copies required by the Court may be reproduced by any means producing a clear black image on white paper.

(c) Copies of pleadings and other papers filed with the Court must be served on the counsel of record for the opposing party, including any civilian counsel. If no counsel has been designated or entered an appearance for the opposing party, copies shall be served upon the person named as opposing party or upon the officer who will be designated pursuant to Rule 11.1.

Proof of service shall be by Certificate of Service in the following form:

Certificate of Service

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was (mailed)
(delivered) (sent via _____) to
_____ at _____
_____ on the ___ day of _____ 20____.

When service is upon civilian counsel, an additional certificate should be added to reflect service on associated military counsel, if any. The Certificate(s) of Service shall be signed by counsel of record or by a person supervised by that counsel.

(d) Except as noted below, citations must conform to the style prescribed by the current edition of The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation published and distributed by the Harvard Law Review Association as modified by the Court's Citation Guide. The Court will permit variations when the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces requires a different form in papers submitted to that court.

(e) The Brief on Behalf of Appellant, Brief on Behalf of Appellee, and Reply Brief on Behalf of Appellant must conform to the format and requirements set forth in Appendix 1 to these rules.

(f) Any Supplemental Brief on Behalf of Appellant must be submitted by Motion for Leave to File showing good cause for the delayed filing. If the motion is granted, the appellee must file a response within thirty days. But, when appellee's initial Brief on Behalf of Appellee has not previously been filed, the period for filing that brief is automatically extended to coincide with the time for filing a response to the Supplemental Brief on Behalf of Appellant.

(g) Briefs must not exceed fifty pages in length excluding tables and appendices; however, under extraordinary circumstances, counsel may submit a Motion for Leave to File Brief Exceeding Fifty Pages.

Rule 15.2 "Pro Forma" or "Merits" Pleadings. In cases referred to the Court for review pursuant to Article 66, U.C.M.J., the appellant, without conceding the legal or factual correctness of

the findings of guilty or the sentence, may file a pleading which does not assign error, does not raise error asserted personally by the appellant, and does not request specific relief. In such cases, the Clerk will deliver the original record of trial to the Court without delay. The Court may proceed with its review and may issue a decision unless notified within seven days that the appellee intends to file a brief pursuant to the last sentence of Rule 15(b).

Rule 15.3 *Grostefon* Issues.

(a) In any case reviewed by the Court pursuant to Article 66, U.C.M.J., counsel shall notify the Court of any issues raised personally by the appellant. Counsel shall cite to *United States v. Grostefon*, 12 M.J. 431 (C.M.A. 1982).

(b) Unless otherwise briefed or argued by appellate defense counsel, *Grostefon* issues shall be brought to the Court's attention by footnote or in an Appendix to the Brief on Behalf of Appellant.

(1) To support the appellant's contentions, counsel may submit, by motion, written communications from the appellant. Unless submissions are clearly legible, appellate defense counsel is responsible for providing a typed transcript of any handwritten submissions.

(2) When requested by the appellant, the Court will consider matters submitted to the convening authority pursuant to Rules for Courts-Martial 1105 and 1106, without transcription.

(c) Government appellate counsel must examine all *Grostefon* issues and may either address each issue or enter a general opposition. Unless the Court specifies an issue pursuant to Rule 15.3(d), the Court, as a general rule, will decide *Grostefon* issues without requesting further submissions from either party.

(d) The Court may require that any issue personally asserted by the appellant be briefed or argued.

Rule 15.4 Amicus Curiae Briefs.

(a) A brief of an amicus curiae may be filed by invitation of the Court or by motion for leave to file granted by the Court. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the brief of an amicus

curiae shall be filed no later than ten days after the filing of the answer by the appellee or respondent.

(b) Ordinarily, neither the hearing nor the disposition of a case will be delayed pending action on a motion for leave to file an amicus curiae brief or a motion of an amicus curiae to participate in a hearing, or in order to await the filing of a brief of an amicus curiae.

Rule 16. ORAL ARGUMENTS

Oral arguments may be heard in the discretion of the Court upon motion by either party or when otherwise ordered by the Court. The motion of a party for oral argument shall be made no later than 7 days after the filing of an answer to an appellant's brief. Such motion shall identify the issue(s) upon which counsel seek argument. The Court may, on its own motion, identify the issue(s) upon which it wishes argument.

Rule 16.1 Oral Arguments.

(a) A Motion for Oral Argument may be filed contemporaneously with the filing of a Brief. The Court's hearing calendar is established by Notice of Hearing issued by the cognizant panel in each case. The Court does not necessarily consult counsel in setting the calendar, but may take into account a preference expressed by either party. If the Court's calendar conflicts with that of another court before which counsel is scheduled to appear, counsel shall so notify the Court, orally or in writing, within seven days after this Court's Notice of Hearing is issued. Otherwise, a party desiring rescheduling shall file a Motion to (Postpone) (Advance) Oral Argument. Rescheduling is subject to a showing of good cause.

(b) Within seven days after receiving the Notice of Hearing, counsel for each party shall provide to the Court panel four copies of its pleadings in the case. If the hearing is to be by the Court en banc and copies of the pleadings have not been provided previously, counsel shall provide a number of copies sufficient for each judge and each commissioner then assigned to the Court.

(c) Unless the Court specifies otherwise, each side will be allotted 30 minutes to present oral argument. Counsel desiring additional time shall show good cause by Motion for Leave to

Exceed Time Limit for Oral Argument. Counsel representing the appellant or petitioner (or the moving party when the subject of the hearing is a motion) shall argue first, but may reserve any portion of the time for rebuttal. Surrebuttal ordinarily is not permitted.

(d) Only one counsel may present oral argument for each party. Any party wishing to deviate from this rule must obtain leave of the Court by motion. Any counsel who has entered an appearance in the case may be seated at the counsel table. Absent leave of court, only members of the Bar or counsel appearing pro hac vice or as amicus curiae may be seated. Military counsel shall appear in the class "A" uniform. Civilian counsel shall wear similarly dignified business attire. Smoking, eating, and chewing are not permitted in the courtroom. Cellular telephones, pagers, watch alarms, and similar devices, will be turned off. Counsel may provide drinking water for their own convenience, but shall remove it when the hearing is adjourned.

(e) Supplemental citations of authority may be submitted by Motion for Leave to File no later than two days prior to oral argument. In addition to the copies required by Rule 15.1(c), moving counsel shall file a number of copies sufficient for each judge and commissioner. Within seven days following oral argument, counsel may submit a Motion for Leave to File a Memorandum of Argument or for Leave to File a Supplemental Citation of Authority for any argument or citation made during the hearing that was not set forth in the brief filed prior to argument.

Rule 16.2 Argument by Amicus Curiae. Argument by counsel for an amicus curiae may be allowed on motion filed under Rule 23.

Rule 17.

EN BANC PROCEEDINGS

(a) A party may suggest the appropriateness of consideration or reconsideration by the Court as a whole. Such consideration or reconsideration ordinarily will not be ordered except (1) when consideration by the full Court is necessary to secure or maintain uniformity of decision, or (2) when the proceedings involve a question of exceptional importance, or (3) when a sentence being reviewed pursuant to Article 66 extends to death. In cases being reviewed pursuant to Article 66, a party's suggestion that a matter be considered initially by the Court as a whole must be filed with the Court within 7 days after the government files its answer

to the assignment of errors, or the appellant files a reply under Rule 15(b). In other proceedings, the suggestion must be filed with the party's initial petition or other initial pleading, or within 7 days after the response thereto is filed. A suggestion for reconsideration by the Court as a whole must be made within the time prescribed by Rule 19 for filing a motion for reconsideration. No response to a suggestion for consideration or reconsideration by the Court as a whole may be filed unless the Court shall so order.

(b) The suggestion of a party for consideration or reconsideration by the Court as a whole shall be transmitted to each judge of the Court who is present for duty, but a vote need not be taken to determine whether the cause shall be considered or reconsidered by the Court as a whole on such a suggestion made by a party unless a judge requests a vote.

(c) A majority of the judges present for duty may order that any appeal or other proceeding be considered or reconsidered by the Court sitting as a whole. However, en banc reconsideration of an en banc decision will not be held unless at least one member of the original majority concurs in a vote for reconsideration.

(d) This rule does not affect the power of the Court *sua sponte* to consider or reconsider any case sitting as a whole.

Rule 17.1 En Banc Proceedings.

(a) A suggestion that a proceeding be considered or reconsidered by the Court sitting as a whole (en banc) may be made by a party or any judge. The term "proceeding" refers to the disposition of an appeal under Article 62 or 66, U.C.M.J., a case referred to the Court pursuant to Article 69(d), U.C.M.J., or a petition for extraordinary relief. The term does not include interlocutory matters, such as a motion that would not finally dispose of a case.

(1) A party's Suggestion for Consideration by the Court En Banc will be filed in conformance with the requirements of Rule 15.1 including the requirements for service. A copy of the pleadings and briefs in the case must be appended to the suggestion. The Court may direct submission of additional copies of any pleading by either party. The suggestion shall state the basis upon which the consideration or reconsideration en banc is requested.

(2) When the suggestion is filed with a party's initial pleading, the Court need not act upon the suggestion until the opposing party's response to that pleading is filed.

(3) The Court will issue a notice or order responding to the suggestion. If the suggestion is adopted, each party must, within seven days, file sufficient additional copies of its pleadings for each judge and commissioner assigned to the Court (including the Chief Judge's commissioner). All subsequent papers filed with the Court either by a party or an amicus curiae, must be filed in a like number of copies.

(b) A party may suggest that the Court sit en banc in reconsidering a decision issued by a panel of the Court. Rule 19.1(a).

Rule 18.

ORDERS AND DECISIONS OF THE COURT

The Court shall give notice of its orders and decisions by immediately serving them, when rendered, on appellate defense counsel, including civilian counsel, if any, government counsel, and The Judge Advocate General, or designee, as appropriate.

Rule 19.

RECONSIDERATION

(a) The Court may, in its discretion and on its own motion, enter an order announcing its intent to reconsider its decision or order in any case not later than 30 days after service of such decision or order on the appellate defense counsel or on the appellant, if the appellant is not represented by counsel, provided a petition for grant of review or certificate for review has not been filed with the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, or a record of trial for review under Article 67(b) has not been received by that Court. No briefs or arguments shall be received unless the order so directs.

(b) Provided a petition for grant of review or certificate for review has not been filed with the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, or a record of trial for review under Article 67(b) or writ appeal has not been received by the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, the Court

may, in its discretion, reconsider its decision or order in any case upon motion filed either:

(1) By appellate defense counsel within 30 days after receipt by counsel, or by the appellant if the appellant is not represented by counsel, of a decision or order, or

(2) By appellate government counsel within 30 days after the decision is received by counsel.

(c) A motion for reconsideration shall briefly and directly state the grounds for reconsideration, including a statement of facts showing jurisdiction in the Court. A reply to the motion for reconsideration will be received by the Court only if filed within 7 days of receipt of a copy of the motion. Oral arguments shall not be heard on a motion for reconsideration unless ordered by the Court. The original of the motion filed with the Court shall indicate the date of receipt of a copy of the same by opposing counsel.

(d) The time limitations prescribed by this rule shall not be extended under the authority of Rule 24 or Rule 25 beyond the expiration of the time for filing a petition for review or writ appeal with the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, except that the time for filing briefs by either party may be extended for good cause.

Rule 19.1 Reconsideration, Including Reconsideration En Banc.

(a) A party may seek reconsideration of a decision or order by filing a Motion for Reconsideration. A motion that a panel of the Court reconsider its decision or order must be filed in an original and four copies. A Motion for Reconsideration of a decision of the Court sitting as a whole or a Motion for Reconsideration of a panel decision accompanied by a Suggestion for Reconsideration by the Court sitting as a whole must be filed in an original with a number of copies equal to the number of judges and commissioners then assigned to the Court, and must include a copy of the decision or order as to which reconsideration is sought. Any motion for reconsideration must be delivered, with the required number of copies, to the Office of the Clerk of Court.

(b) Ordinarily, reconsideration will not be granted without a showing that one of the following grounds exists:

(1) A material legal or factual matter was overlooked or misapplied in the decision;

(2) A change in the law occurred after the case was submitted and was overlooked or misapplied by the Court; or

(3) The decision conflicts with a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, another service Court of Criminal Appeals, or this Court.

(c) Unless otherwise announced in an order granting reconsideration, the order vacates the decision being reconsidered.

Rule 20.
PETITIONS FOR EXTRAORDINARY RELIEF,
ANSWER, AND REPLY

(a) **Petition for Extraordinary Relief.** A petition for extraordinary relief in the number of copies required by the Court shall be accompanied by proof of service on each party respondent and will contain:

(1) A previous history of the case including whether prior actions have been filed or are pending for the same relief in this or any other court and the disposition or status of such actions;

(2) A concise and objective statement of all facts relevant to the issue presented and of any pertinent opinion, order or ruling;

(3) A copy of any pertinent parts of the record and all exhibits related to the petition if reasonably available and transmittable at or near the time the petition is filed;

(4) A statement of the issue;

(5) The specific relief sought;

(6) Reasons for granting the writ;

(7) The jurisdictional basis for relief sought and the reasons why the relief sought cannot be obtained during the ordinary course of appellate review;

(8) If desired, a request for appointment of appellate counsel.

(b) Format. The title of the petition shall include the name, military grade and service number of each named party and, where appropriate, the official military or civilian title of any named party acting in an official capacity as an officer or agent of the United States. When an accused has not been named as a party, the accused shall be identified by name, military grade and service number by the petitioner and shall be designated as the real party in interest.

(c) Electronic Petitions. The Court will docket petitions for extraordinary relief submitted by electronic means. A petition submitted by electronic means will conclude with the full name and address of petitioner's counsel, if any, and will state when the written petition and brief, when required, were forwarded to the Court and to all named respondents and by what means they were forwarded.

(d) Notice to the Judge Advocate General. Immediately upon receipt of any petition, the Clerk shall forward a copy of the petition to the appropriate Judge Advocate General or designee.

(e) Briefs. Each petition for extraordinary relief must be accompanied by a brief in support of the petition unless it is filed in *propria persona*. The Court may issue a show cause order in which event the respondent shall file an answer within 10 days of the receipt of the show cause order. The petitioner may file a reply to the answer within 7 days of receipt of the answer.

(f) Initial Action by the Court. The Court may dismiss or deny the petition, order the respondent to show cause and file an answer within the time specified, or take whatever other action it deems appropriate.

(g) Oral Argument and Final Action. The Court may set the matter for oral argument. However, on the basis of the pleadings alone, the Court may grant or deny the relief sought or make such other order in the case as the circumstances may require. This includes referring the matter to a special master, who need not be a military judge, to further investigate; to take evidence; and to make such recommendations as the Court deems appropriate.

Rule 20.1 In General.

Issuance by the Court of an extraordinary writ authorized by 28 U.S.C. Section 1651(a) is not a matter of right, but of discretion sparingly exercised. To justify the granting of any such writ, the petition must show that the writ will be in aid of the Court's appellate jurisdiction, that exceptional circumstances warrant the exercise of the Court's discretionary powers, and that adequate relief cannot be obtained in any other form or from any other court.

Rule 20.2 Petitions for Extraordinary Relief.

(a) A Petition for Extraordinary Relief must be filed in an original and three copies. When filed by facsimile as permitted by Rule 20(c) and Rule 5.2, the three copies plus the number of copies required for service on each respondent must be sent to the Clerk of Court by the most expeditious means available. The petition must be captioned so as to specify the type of writ sought (for example, Petition for Extraordinary Relief in the Nature of a Writ of Mandamus). If a stay of ongoing or impending proceedings is sought, the caption must so indicate (for example, Petition for Extraordinary Relief in the Nature of a Writ of Mandamus and Application for Stay of Proceedings).

(b) The party or parties filing the petition will be named the petitioner or petitioners. The adverse parties named in the petition will be named respondents.

(c) Unless filed by the Chief, Government Appellate Division, a petition filed on behalf of the United States or any officer or agent thereof must be coordinated with the Chief, Government Appellate Division.

(d) Petitions for extraordinary relief and supporting briefs must comply with the standards set forth in Rule 15 and Rule 15.1.

(e) Service of a copy of the petition on the Chief, Government Appellate Division, is deemed the notice to The Judge Advocate General required by Rule 20(d).

Rule 21.
APPEALS BY THE UNITED STATES

(a) Restricted Filing. Only a representative of the government designated by the Judge Advocate General of the respective service may file an appeal by the United States under Article 62.

(b) Counsel. Counsel must be qualified and appointed, and give notice of appearance in accordance with these rules and those of the Judge Advocate General concerned.

(c) Form of Appeal. The appeal must include those documents specified by Rule for Courts-Martial 908 and by applicable regulations of the Secretary concerned. A certificate of the Notice of Appeal described in Rule for Courts-Martial 908(b)(3) must be included. The certificate of service must reflect the date and time of the military judge's ruling or order from which the appeal is taken, and the time and date of service upon the military judge.

(d) Time for filing. All procedural Rules of the Court shall apply except as noted herein:

(1) The representative of the government designated by The Judge Advocate General shall decide whether to file the appeal with the Court. The trial counsel shall have 20 days from the date written notice to appeal is filed with the trial court to forward the appeal, including an original and two copies of the record of trial, to the representative of the Government designated by The Judge Advocate General. The person designated by The Judge Advocate General shall promptly file the original record with the Clerk of the Court and forward one copy to opposing counsel. Appellate government counsel shall have 20 days (or more upon a showing of good cause made by motion for enlargement within the 20 days) from the date the record is filed with the Court to file the appeal with supporting brief with the Court. Should the Government decide to withdraw the appeal after the record is received by the Court, appellate government counsel shall notify the Court in writing. Appellate brief(s) shall be prepared in the manner prescribed by Rule 15.

(2) Appellee shall prepare an answer in the manner prescribed by Rule 15 and shall file such answer within 20 days after any filing of the government brief.

(e) The government shall diligently prosecute all appeals by the United States and the Court will give such appeals priority over all other proceedings where practicable.

Rule 21.1 Appeals by the United States.

(a) The Chief, Government Appellate Division, must file an Appeal and Brief on Behalf of the United States within the time limits of Rule 21(d)(1). Failure to file the appeal and brief timely will be cause for dismissal. The accused shall be named the Appellee. A copy of the Notice of Appeal must be appended to the Appeal and Brief on Behalf of the United States. The summary of proceedings must include the date of the military judge's ruling, the date notice of appeal was filed, and the date the record of proceedings was filed with the Clerk of Court.

(b) The appellee's answer must be filed with the time prescribed by Rule 21(d)(2), unless the period is extended by the Court. No reply may be filed except by leave of Court.

**Rule 22.
PETITIONS FOR NEW TRIAL**

(a) Whether submitted to the Judge Advocate General by the accused in propria persona or by counsel for the accused, a petition for new trial submitted while the accused's case is undergoing review by a Court of Criminal Appeals shall be filed with an original and two copies and shall comply with the requirements of Rule for Courts-Martial 1210(c).

(b) Upon receipt of a petition for new trial submitted by other than appellate defense counsel, the Court will notify all counsel of record of such fact.

(c) A brief in support of a petition for new trial, unless expressly incorporated in or filed with the petition, will be filed substantially in the format specified by Rule 15 no later than 30 days after the filing of the petition or receipt of the notice required by subsection (b) of this Rule, whichever is later. An appellee's answer shall be filed no later than 30 days after the filing of an appellant's brief. A reply may be filed no later than 10 days after the filing of the appellee's answer.

Rule 22.1 Petitions for New Trial.

In cases pending before this Court or the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, a Petition for New Trial should be addressed to The Judge Advocate General but filed with the Clerk of Court, who receives such petitions and acts in a ministerial capacity in referring the petition to the appropriate court.

**Rule 23.
MOTIONS**

(a) **Content.** All motions, unless made during the course of a hearing, shall state with particularity the relief sought and the grounds therefor. Motions, pleadings, and other papers desired to be filed with the Court may be combined in the same document, with the heading indicating, for example "MOTION TO FILE (SUPPLEMENTAL ASSIGNMENT OF ERRORS) (CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION) (SUPPLEMENTAL PLEADING)", or "ASSIGNMENT OF ERRORS AND MOTION TO FILE ATTACHED REPORT OF MEDICAL BOARD".

(b) **Motions to Attach Documents.** If a party desires to attach a statement of a person to the record for consideration by the Court on any matter, such statement shall be made either as an affidavit or as an unsworn declaration under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. sec. 1746. All documents containing language other than English shall have, attached, a certified English translation.

(c) **Opposition.** Any opposition to a motion shall be filed within 7 days after receipt by the opposing party of service of the motion.

(d) **Leave to File.** Any pleading not required by these rules shall be accompanied by a motion for leave to file such pleading.

(e) **Oral Argument.** Oral argument shall not normally be permitted on motions.

Rule 23.1 Expedited Ruling on Motions. In appropriate cases, the Court may act immediately on any motion without awaiting an answer from the other party. Any party adversely affected by the Court's action may request reconsideration, vacation, or modification of such action.

Rule 23.2 Service on Other Parties; "Action Block;" "Comeback" Copies.

(a) Each motion must include the certificate of service prescribed by Rule 15.1(c). Motions that DO NOT SEEK AN ORDER THAT WOULD REMAND OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF A CASE BEFORE THE COURT should include the action block shown below. Examples of motions that seek a dispositive order, include a Motion to Withdraw Appeal, Motion to Abate Proceedings Due to Death of Appellant, and Motion for Psychiatric Evaluation.

(b) The action block, when used, will appear at the left margin on the last page of the motion text:

PANEL No. _____

GRANTED (signature) _____

DENIED (signature) _____

DATE _____

When two or more motions are combined, a separately labeled action block will be included for each ruling sought. In addition to the original, the motion must be filed in sufficient copies to permit return of a signed copy to the moving party, all opposing parties, and any amicus curiae.

Rule 23.3 Readability of Accompanying Documents. Motions to file or judicially notice documents, except documents on file in the Office of the Clerk of Court, must be accompanied by a legible copy of the document, including a certified translation of any foreign language material and a typed copy of any handwritten material in English, if required for legibility. See Rules 15(c), 23(b), and 15.3(b).

Rule 24.
CONTINUANCES AND INTERLOCUTORY MATTERS

Except as otherwise provided in Rule 19(d), the Court, in its discretion, may extend any time limits prescribed and may dispose of any interlocutory or other appropriate matter not specifically covered by these rules, in such manner as may appear to be required for a full, fair, and expeditious consideration of the case. See Rule 4.

Rule 24.1 Extensions of Time to File Papers.

(a) The Court may, upon motion and for cause shown, grant counsel an extension of time. The filing of a motion for an enlargement does not toll the prescribed time period. Counsel must file motions for enlargement of time at least one (1) day prior to the deadline to allow timely consideration by the Court.

(b) Except for those motions for extension of time permitted by Rule 24.1(c) to be consolidated, all such motions require a particularized showing of necessity for the extension, which shall not exceed thirty (30) days. When engagement in other litigation is a cause, specific information is required as to the number and type of cases and the courts involved. If the complexity of issues on appeal is a cause, the number and nature of those issues should be explained. Extreme hardship to counsel, if a cause, must be explained. In each case, the motion must include information on whether the trial was contested, the number of transcript pages, the approved sentence and date of sentencing, and the accused's current status as to confinement.

(c) (1) The Chiefs of the Defense and Government Appellate Divisions may consolidate cases in First and Second Motions, respectively, for extension of time to file initial briefs in cases arising under Article 66(b), U.C.M.J. But this does not apply to--

a. Cases in which appellate defense counsel designated pursuant to Article 70(c), U.C.M.J., have been excused by the appellant or by appellant's civilian counsel;

b. Cases remanded to this Court by a higher court;

c. Cases returned to this Court following proceedings at the trial or convening authority level ordered by this or a higher court;

d. Response to an issue specified by the Court or to a supplemental assignment of error permitted by the Court to be filed; or

e. Cases referred to the Court pursuant to Article 69(d), U.C.M.J.

(2) Unless otherwise specified by the Court, consolidated motions for extension of time will be granted for periods not to exceed 90 days from the date the filing was due.

(3) A consolidated motion for extension of time to file must indicate that the division chief or acting division chief has determined that the extensions requested are necessary in the interests of justice due to the volume of appellate workload then pending in the division. Each case listed must show the case number, surname of the appellant, identity of the principal attorney, number of the panel to which the case is assigned, number of transcript pages, whether the trial was contested, date of sentencing, and period of confinement approved.

(4) The Clerk of Court may grant consolidated motions for extension of time to file, subject to reconsideration pursuant to Rule 19.1. When a consolidated motion is granted, the moving party must distribute one signed copy to the opposing appellate division, and return the original to the Clerk for the Court's central files.

**Rule 25.
SUSPENSION OF RULES**

For good cause shown, the Court acting as a whole or in panel may suspend the requirements or provisions of any of these rules in a particular case on petition of a party or on its own motion and may order proceedings in accordance with its direction.

Rule 25.1 Suspending the Internal Rules. For good cause shown, the Court acting as a whole or in panel may suspend the requirements or provisions of any of these internal rules on petition of a party or on its own motion and may order proceedings in accordance with its direction.

**Rule 26.
INTERNAL RULES**

The Chief Judge of the Court has the authority to prescribe internal rules for the Court.

Rule 26.1 Changing Internal Rules. Suggested changes in these rules should be addressed to the Chief Judge, ATTN: Clerk of Court.

Rule 27.
RECORDING, PHOTOGRAPHING, BROADCASTING, OR
TELECASTING OF HEARINGS

The recording, photographing, broadcasting, or televising of any session of the Court or other activity relating thereto is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Court.

Rule 28.
Amendments

Proposed amendments to these rules may be submitted to the Chief Judge of any Court named in Rule 1 or to a Judge Advocate General. Before acting on any proposed amendments not received from the Chief Judges, the Judge Advocates General shall refer them to the Chief Judges of the Courts for comment. The Chief Judges shall confer on any proposed changes, and shall report to the Judge Advocates General as to the suitability of proposed changes and their impact on the operation of the Courts and on appellate justice.

ADDITIONAL INTERNAL RULES

Rule 29. Clerk of Court

The Clerk of Court receives documents for filing with the Court and has authority to reject any submitted filing that does not comply with these Rules. The Clerk maintains the Court's records and will not permit any of them to be removed from the Court except as authorized by the Court. Any document filed with the Clerk and made a part of the Court's records may not thereafter be withdrawn from the official Court files.

Rule 30. Records of Trial

Rule 30.1 Custody of Records. Original copies of records of trial will not be removed from the Office of the Clerk of Court unless permission is granted by an employee of the Clerk's office and a chargeout record is completed.

Rule 30.2 Altering Records. No notes or marks of any kind will be made on the pages of an original record of trial, including the accompanying papers and exhibits, nor shall any page be removed, rearranged, or inserted except in the Clerk of

Court's Office by an employee of that office. Copies of records issued for use of appellate counsel remain subject to recall for further proceedings and for other necessary purposes; accordingly, the making of notes and other marks therein is discouraged, and such notes are not confidential or privileged.

Rule 30.3 Erroneous or Incomplete Records. Errors and irregularities found in records of trial, if not made the subject of an order of the Court, should be brought to the attention of the Clerk of Court for administrative action with a view to correction.

DANIEL V. WRIGHT
Brigadier General, USA
Chief Judge

OFFICIAL:

MARY B. DENNIS
Acting Clerk of Court

**APPENDIX 1. FORMAT FOR BRIEF ON BEHALF OF (APPELLANT) (APPELLEE)
(RULE 15.1) (Replaces Attachment 2 to Joint C.C.A. Rules)**

IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY
COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

U N I T E D S T A T E S

BRIEF ON BEHALF OF
(APPELLANT) (APPELLEE)

v.

Docket No. ARMY 00000000

(Full typed grade, name,
and service of accused)
(no SSN), Appellant

Tried at (location) on (dates)
before a (type of court-martial)
appointed by the (title of con-
vening authority), (military
judge(s)), presiding.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES
ARMY COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

Statement of the Case

[Set forth a concise summary of the chronology of the case,
including the general nature of the charges, the pleas of the
accused, the findings and sentence at trial, the action by the
convening authority, and any other pertinent information re-
garding the proceedings.]

Statement of Facts

[Set forth accurately all facts pertinent to the issues
raised, including specific page references and exhibit desig-
nations. Assertions of fact must be supported by specific ci-
tations to the record of trial, exhibits, or, when appropriate,
papers accompanying the record of trial (allied or related
papers). Any inference a party wishes the Court to draw from the
facts of record should be clearly identified and the facts sup-
porting that inference set out. If counsel elect not to make a
separate statement of facts, but to include them within the par-
ticular assignment of error, the pertinent facts should be set
forth in one or more paragraphs distinct from the statement of
law and argument thereon. Answers may adopt appellant's or pe-
titioner's statement of facts if there is no dispute, or, if
there is a dispute, may restate the facts as they appear from
appellee's or respondent's viewpoint. The repetition of uncon-
troverted matters is not desired.]

Errors and Argument

[Set forth each assignment of error in upper case letters, followed by separate argument for each error unless two or more assignments of error are consolidated for purposes of argument. Arguments must discuss briefly the question presented, citing and quoting such authorities as are deemed pertinent. Each argument must include a statement of the applicable standard of review, and must be followed by a prayer for the specific relief requested.]

Appendix

[An appendix may set forth matters for the convenience of the Court, such as extracts from the record of trial, statutes, rules, or regulations; copies of decisions of other courts; and unpublished decisions. See Joint C.C.A. Rules 15(c), 23(b), and A.C.C.A. Rules 15.3(b), 23.3. Appendices must not be used to submit extra-record factual matter, which must instead be submitted to the Court by Motion to Admit (Defense) (Government) Appellate Exhibit (Letter or Numerical Designation), Motion to Judicially Notice (Description), or other appropriate motion.]

(Signature of counsel)

(Name, grade, branch, and title of military counsel, or name, address, and telephone, including fax number, of civilian counsel)

Certificate of Service

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was (mailed) (delivered) (sent via _____) to _____ on the _____ day of _____ 20____.