

**TJAGLCS Practice Note**  
*Faculty, The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School*

**Pre-deployment Fiscal Law Training**  
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Recognizing the need to provide pre-deployment training and the difficulty involved in attending resident courses prior to deployments, the TJAGLCS Contract and Fiscal Law Department has made important training material available online at the Judge Advocate General's University (JAGU) website.

Since the onset of contingency operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, redeploying judge advocates have repeatedly highlighted the need for pre-deployment fiscal law training. Unfortunately, active duty judge advocate attendance at the TJAGLCS resident Fiscal Law Course substantially decreased between 2003 and 2008.<sup>2</sup> The decrease in active duty attendance at the Fiscal Law Course may be due to a misunderstanding of the term "contract law." Legal offices should ensure that judge advocates are enrolled in the appropriate course. Government Procurement Law, in general, incorporates both fiscal law (law governing what appropriations may be used for any given purpose) and government contract law (law regarding the formation and administration of government contracts). Too often, attorneys use the term "contract law" when speaking about "fiscal law," and this misuse of the term "contract law" may explain why active duty Army company grade judge advocate attendance at the Contract Law Course has doubled while Fiscal Law Course attendance has dropped.

While face-to-face instruction is the most effective means of training, this option is simply not available to the vast majority of deploying judge advocates. Acknowledging this fact, the Contract and Fiscal Law Department is developing alternate fiscal law training methods.

As part of the effort to increase the accessibility of fiscal law resources, all blocks of instruction presented during the Fiscal Law Course are now available online in stand-alone format at JAGU.<sup>3</sup> Anyone with an Army Knowledge Online (AKO) or Defense Knowledge Online (DKO) account can access these presentations, which are provided in "click and play" format; no course registration is required. To access these materials, log onto the latest version of JAGU at <https://jag.ellc.learn.army.mil/>, click on the "JAGU Library" tab, click on the "Video Library" bar, scroll down to "Contract and Fiscal Law," and then select "Fiscal Law." A new page will open listing various Fiscal Law Course classes (e.g., Funding U.S. Military Operations), which can be viewed with a single click. The presentations may be viewed in their entirety or in selected parts. The Satellite Fiscal Law Course has been superseded by Internet-based training and will no longer be offered.

Contract and Fiscal Law Department publications remain available online at the TJAGLCS website. The Contract and Fiscal Law Department has moved from course books to deskbooks to enable faculty members to update these publications more frequently. To ensure that you are accessing the most current version of a deskbook, start your search at <https://www.jagcnet.army.mil/> and click on the link to the TJAGLCS website. If you enter the TJAGLCS website directly, you may be routed to an older version of the website that does not contain the most recent TJAGLCS publications.

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<sup>2</sup> Attendance figures for 2009 are not yet available.

<sup>3</sup> Other presentations available at JAGU include Contract Attorneys' Course presentations, selected Advanced Contract Law presentations, and 2009 Contract and Fiscal Law Symposium Year in Review presentations.