Foreword

Welcome to the ninth annual Military Justice Symposium, the criminal law year in review. This month’s issue of The Army Lawyer contains Volume I of the Symposium. In this issue, the criminal law faculty analyzes cases and developments in the areas of evidence, self incrimination, and unlawful command influence. This issue also contains an article of instructions co-authored by sitting trial judges. Volume II of the Symposium will appear in an upcoming issue of The Army Lawyer and will contain articles on pretrial procedures, post-trial procedures, search and seizure, sentencing, discovery, crimes and defenses, and jurisdiction.

As in past Symposia, the faculty does not intend the articles to be a complete review of every case in a particular subject area. Rather, the faculty members review cases from the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and significant service courts along with other developments in each member’s area of expertise. As always, we try to offer insight into potential trends and analyze the impact of the cases.

Our focus this year remains on assisting the practitioner. To that end, Major Jeff Hagler, along with help from his predecessors, updated and published the Crimes and Defenses Deskbook. It is available on a CD-Rom as well as on The Judge Advocate General’s Legal Center and School’s (TJAGLCS) website. Major Hagler hyperlinked each case in the deskbook to help readers quickly access the opinions. Additionally, each outline published by the department is hyperlinked and on the website. We hope these resources are a helpful research tool for judge advocates, particularly those in deployed environments, operating with limited access to paper materials.

As our objective is for the Symposium to assist those practicing military justice in the field, please direct any questions or suggestions to us at TJAGLCS, Criminal Law Department. Lieutenant Colonel James F. Garrett.


2. See id.