



The Judge Advocate General



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Legal Services Transformation Team Interim Update

JAGC Teammates:

The Army is in a period of consequential transformation. Following the Secretary of the Army's February directive for broad force transformation, and the Secretary of War's March mandate for a department-wide legal services review, the Army's Legal Services Transformation Team (LST2) stood up. In shaping our transformation efforts, the LST2's focus has been clear: optimize how we deliver legal services to decisively support the warfighter. In these efforts the LST2 is guided by several key principles designed to strengthen our Corps:

- **Reinvestment of JAGC Billets** to strengthen legal support to the warfighter;
- **Focus on HQDA-Level Implementation** to minimize impacts on day-to-day operations;
- **Preserve Capability** in Operational Contract and Fiscal Law to support commanders in both transformation and deployed environments;
- **Preserve TJAG's Statutory Roles** and our institutional identity;
- **Retain Uniformed Presence** in all realigned areas so as to continue broad development opportunities; and
- **Ensure Civilian Positions and Employees Endure**, to continue to meet the Army's mission.

After extensive and thorough study by the LST2, the General Counsel (GC) and I briefed the Secretary, Under Secretary, Chief of Staff, and Vice Chief of Staff of the Army. The civilian and uniformed leaders endorsed realignment of several functions designed to ensure the Army's legal services are organized to provide the agile, expert legal advice commanders require in the modern continuum of conflict.

OGC will have primary responsibility for: Environmental Law; Litigation; Procurement Fraud; Contract Litigation and Intellectual Property; Civilian Employment and Labor Law; and Fiscal, Procurement, and Acquisition Policy (excluding operational contract and fiscal law).

OTJAG will have primary responsibility for: Military Justice; Military Administrative Law; National Security and Operational Law; Intelligence Law and Intelligence Oversight; Operational Contract and Fiscal Law; Military Claims; Legal Assistance; and District of Columbia National Guard issues.

To ensure a seamless transition and steadfast leadership throughout this transformation, BG Terri Erisman and BG Steven Ranieri will remain in their current command positions. Their continued leadership is a testament to their dedication to our people, their organizations, and the greater Corps.

We are engaged in the most consequential practice of law in the most transformative of times. The JAG Corps remains committed to providing our military and civilian teammates with challenging and rewarding opportunities for professional growth and continued service. This is a moment of change across the Army, and we will meet it together. In order to fight and win: We will be the JAG Corps the Army needs.

This We'll Defend!

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