

**JOINT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
CODE COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO THE  
UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE**

**October 1, 1996 to September 30, 1997**

The Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces; the Judge Advocates General of the Army, Navy, and Air Force; the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard; the Director, Judge Advocate Division, Headquarters, United States Marine Corps; Eugene R. Fidell, Esquire, and Professor Fredric I. Lederer, Esquire, Public Members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, submit their annual report on the operation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice pursuant to Article 146, Uniform Code of Military Justice, 10 USC § 946.

The Code Committee met during fiscal year 1997 to consider numerous matters pertaining to the administration of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. This meeting was open to the public and interested attendees participated in the proceedings. Code Committee members presented reports on pending cases and trends in court-martial activity within their respective Armed Forces. Reports and discussions also took place concerning various proposals to amend the Uniform Code of Military Justice and the Manual for Courts-Martial.

The Committee considered a report from an ad hoc study group that considered the purpose, scope, and function of

the Code Committee. As a result of the discussion, two subcommittees were established: one to coordinate plans and programs to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and a second to study the use of technology in the administration of military justice. A report on pending amendments to the Manual for Courts-Martial was presented by a representative of the Joint Service Committee on Military Justice. Other topics discussed by the Code Committee included attorney discipline and digesting military justice cases.

Separate reports of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and the individual Armed Forces address further items of special interest to the Committee on Armed Services of the United States Senate and the Committee on National Security of the United States House of Representatives, as well as the Secretaries of Defense, Transportation, Army, Navy, and Air Force.

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