

# *Evaluating the Scope of the Psychotherapist-Patient Privilege Under M.R.E. 513*

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## **Written Materials Provided at CAAF Website:**

- DAC-IPAD Brief on the Scope of the Psychotherapist-Patient Privilege in the Military Justice System