

Plea Agreements Under the UCMJ: A Comparative Service Approach

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Written Materials Provided at CAAF Website:

- Brief for “Plea Agreements under the UCMJ: A Comparative Service Approach” Panel
- Model Plea Agreement for Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard
- Model Plea Agreement for Army
- Plea Agreement for Department of the Air Force