**Tip on Expert Witnesses**

- Admin note: Email the request to the case paralegal, Chief & NCOIC of Justice immediately, or sooner

- Determine if the case really requires an expert, or if the defense just wants someone to do their job for them (sidestepping the duty of competency)

- Review the request IAW RCM 703(d) and obtain clarification from the defense if it is not clear what they are requesting…early

- If you think denial is appropriate, coord with CMJ and SJA; then coord with NAF/JA

- Deny the request in a timely manner if that is the decision; prepare for the motion

- If approving the expert, get that done early and work the funding angle…you typically can’t receive their help until an agreement is in place

- JAJG has a list of experts and examples of directs for different types of experts

<https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/afjagc/AFLOA/JAJ/JAJG/field/Experts/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

- Read a sample examination for your type of expert (JAJG has some [examples](https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/afjagc/AFLOA/JAJ/JAJG/field/Experts/Forms/AllItems.aspx))

- Brush up on the MREs 702-706 on experts and hearsay as it pertains to expert testimony

- Send a copy of the case file

- For sexual assault cases, the following experts are often implicated

-- DNA, SANE, Forensic Psychologist, Toxicologist, Computer/Cell Phone Forensics