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**AIR FORCE LEGAL OPERATIONS  
AGENCY (AFLOA)**

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This directive states the mission, defines the command structure, and establishes the responsibilities for the Air Force Legal Operations Agency (AFLOA). This directive must be read in conjunction with Headquarters Air Force Mission Directive (HAF MD) 1-14, *General Counsel and The Judge Advocate General*. Nothing in this directive alters or supersedes the provisions of HAF MD 1-14. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 33-363, *Management of Records*, and disposed of in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule in the Air Force Records Information Management System. Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) using the AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route AF Forms 847 from the field through the appropriate functional chain of command.

**1. Mission.** AFLOA delivers superior legal services to support and defend the Air Force and its Airmen. To accomplish this mission, AFLOA manages the military justice process, directs civil law matters, represents the Air Force in commercial litigation, administers the legal assistance and preventive law programs, trains all members of The Judge Advocate General's Corps (AFJAGC), and provides AFJAGC with effective legal technology solutions.

**2. Command.**

2.1. The Judge Advocate General (TJAG), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 8037, is the legal advisor to the Secretary of the Air Force and to all officers and agencies of the Department of the Air

Force. TJAG exercises overall responsibility for AFLOA, a field operating agency, and the AFLOA Commander reports directly to TJAG.

2.2. The AFLOA Commander organizes, trains, and equips AFLOA personnel with appropriate resources and infrastructure to accomplish the AFLOA mission herein (and as directed) and prepares deployable personnel and assets to support operations worldwide.

2.3. The AFLOA Commander exercises administrative control over assigned personnel.

**3. Responsibilities.** The AFLOA Commander:

3.1. Manages the Air Force military justice processes;

3.2. Directs legal activities required to protect the United States' interests in judicial and administrative proceedings that arise out of or affect Air Force activities;

3.3. Processes and litigates claims by and against the United States arising from Air Force activities, to include, tort, personnel, and medical cost reimbursement claims;

3.4. Manages Air Force commercial and acquisition law programs, to include contractor bankruptcy actions; contract and contingency contract field support; patent, copyright, and trademark infringement litigation; and intellectual property litigation and field support;

3.5. Administers the Air Force legal assistance and preventive law programs;

3.6. Provides representation to eligible victims through the Special Victims' Counsel Program and Airmen processed through the Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES);

3.7. Trains judge advocates, paralegals, and civilian members of AFJAGC and others as required;

3.8. Supports home station and forward-deployed AFJAGC activities through legal technology development, legal research, web hosting, and other essential legal information services; and

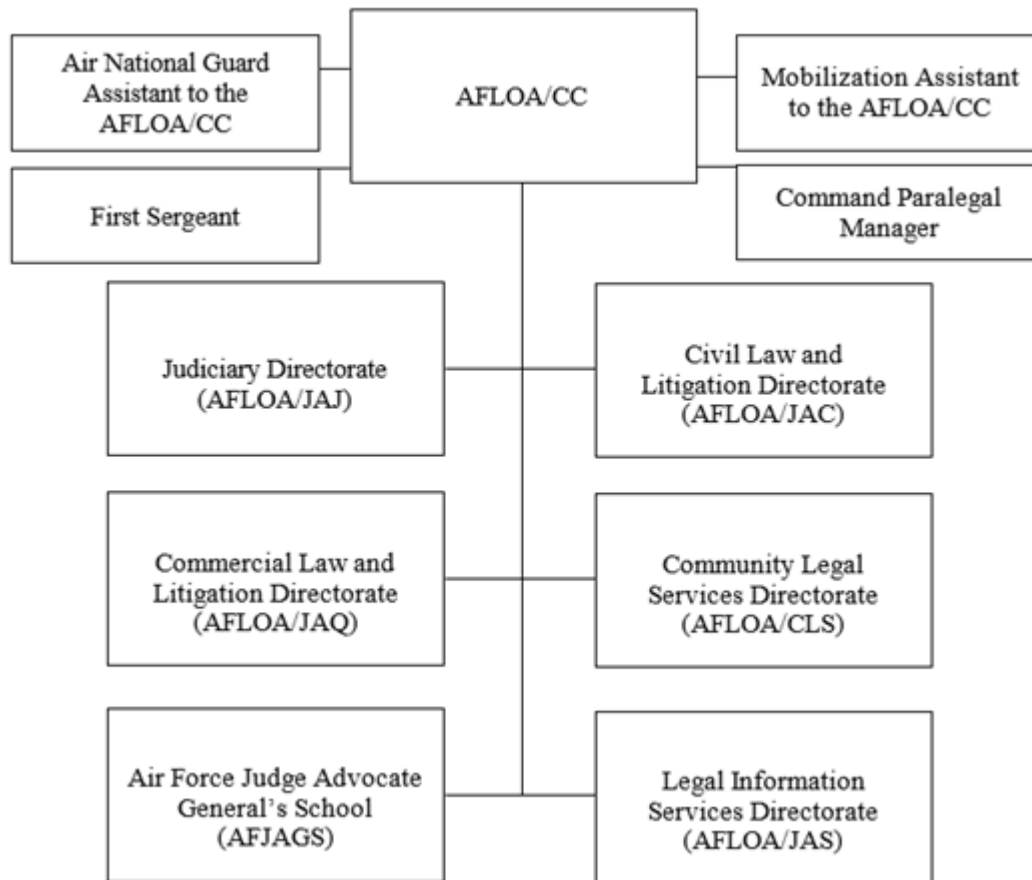
3.9. Operates Field Support Centers to provide specialized legal advice and support to field legal offices and the Air Force at large. The specialty areas include, but are not limited to, military justice, legal assistance, environmental law, labor and employment law, contract law, medical law, commercial litigation, utility litigation, and personnel and transportation claims.

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The Judge Advocate General

## ATTACHMENT 1

## AIR FORCE LEGAL OPERATIONS AGENCY (AFLOA)

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



**A1.1.** AFLOA fulfills its organizational responsibilities through the efforts of six Directorates and associated Field Support Centers. The AFLOA Directorates and their responsibilities are listed below.

A1.1.1. The United States Air Force Judiciary Directorate (AFLOA/JAJ) is responsible for managing the military justice system across the Air Force. AFLOA/JAJ assists convening authorities and their legal advisors; provides advice to base-level staff judge advocates; provides defense services to Airmen worldwide; litigates cases by detailing senior trial and defense counsel; and provides government and defense appellate lawyers representing the Air Force and Airmen before the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals, Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the United States Supreme Court. AFLOA/JAJ advises the Secretary of the Air Force, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and TJAG on military justice matters, including clemency and appeals in courts-martial, complaints and inquiries, and changes to the Manual for Courts-Martial.

A1.1.2. The Civil Law and Litigation Directorate (AFLOA/JAC) specializes in three litigation areas: claims and tort law, environmental law, and general law. AFLOA/JAC protects the Air Force interests in legal and administrative proceedings in the United States and partners with Air Force Component Command Staff Judge Advocates supporting Combatant Commands to protect Air Force interests in foreign countries. AFLOA/JAC maintains close liaison with the Department of Justice (DoJ), provides Air Force recommendations on initiating legal actions and appeals, develops information access processes to ensure compliance with civil litigation discovery requirements, and advises on accepting proposed compromises or settlements in significant Air Force cases.

A1.1.3. The Commercial Law and Litigation Directorate (AFLOA/JAQ) defends the Air Force in all bid protest actions and represents the Air Force in actions seeking equitable relief and in bankruptcy proceedings involving Air Force contractors. Additionally, AFLOA/JAQ provides acquisition law support to attorneys and clients within the operational Air Force and the deployed and contingency operations arena as well as to the Air Force Installation Contracting Agency. Finally, AFLOA/JAQ works alongside the DoJ on litigation actions relating to contracts, patents, copyright, trademark, and intellectual property matters involving the Air Force in any state or federal court.

A1.1.4. The Community Legal Services Directorate (AFLOA/CLS) centrally manages the worldwide legal assistance and preventive law programs and develops guidance and training to promote personal legal readiness of Air Force personnel. AFLOA/CLS delivers independent legal representation and advocacy for eligible victims through the Special Victims' Counsel Program and Airmen undergoing Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) processing through the Office of Airmen's Counsel.

A1.1.5. The Air Force Judge Advocate General's School (AFJAGS) ensures mission readiness and legal currency by providing training programs, exercises, references, and instructional materials for all personnel in AFJAGC.

A1.1.6. The Legal Information Services Directorate (AFLOA/JAS) supervises Air Force legal information services; publishes professional materials related to the practice of law; provides legal research capabilities to AFJAGC, Department of Defense (DoD), and joint-service legal communities; and performs SECAF's DoD Executive Agent responsibilities for Federal Legal Information Through Electronics (FLITE) in accordance with DoD Directive 5160.64E, *Legal Information Technology and Computer-Assisted Legal Research (CALR)*.