

GENERAL ORDERS

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HEADQUARTERS  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON, DC 14 April 1971**RESPONSIBILITY FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

The following assignments of responsibility for the legal services of the Army are effective this date.

**1. General Counsel of the Army.** The General Counsel of the Army is a civilian attorney, appointed by the Secretary of the Army. He has such duties and responsibilities as the Secretary assigns to him. They include the following:

*a.* Administering the policies of the Secretary concerning the legal services of the Army.

*b.* Providing professional guidance, extending to any subject of law, to military and civilian attorneys of the Army.

*c.* Acting as personal counsel to the Secretary of the Army, the Under Secretary, the Assistant Secretaries, and other officials of the Army Secretariat.

**2. The Judge Advocate General of the Army.** The Judge Advocate General is the legal adviser of the Chief of Staff and members of the Army Staff. He also serves as military legal adviser to the Secretary of the Army and in that capacity is responsible for providing counsel in military justice matters and other counsel and legal services as requested. He has staff responsibility for providing legal services and professional guidance to military and civilian attorneys of the Army. Other responsibilities of The Judge Advocate General are specified in law and regulations.

**3. Agency legal offices.** *a.* The assignment of responsibility set out in paragraph 2, *supra*, does not preclude the existence within the Army Staff or in subordinate commands of agency legal offices which furnish counsel and other legal services within specialized fields of law related to agency missions. The principal agency legal offices of the Army are those of the General Counsel, Army Materiel Command, and the General Counsel, Corps of Engineers. Such offices will be headed by civilian attorneys responsible to their agency heads. However, in the performance of their duties they are subject to Army-wide legal policies established by The Judge Advocate General or the General Counsel of the Army.

*b.* A new agency legal office may not be established without the approval of the General Counsel of the Army.

**4. Implementation.** The provisions of these orders shall be implemented by new or amended Army Regulations, as appropriate.

**5. Rescission.** The memorandum from the Secretary of the Army to the Chief of Staff, subject: Project 80, dated May 11, 1962, is rescinded.

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