



# U.S. ARMY OKINAWA

## ★ TORII STATION ★



### HANDLING LEGAL ISSUES

- Office of the Staff Judge Advocate Building 218•  
*Across the street from the post office, second floor*

What is and is not a “legal issue” can be a tricky question. The Judge Advocate General’s (JAG) Corps and the attorneys in the JAG Corps cover a variety of legal practice areas. The Staff Judge Advocate is a legal advisor to the command; he or she also leads and supervises subordinate attorneys and paralegals who specialize in the various areas of law (AR 27-1, para. 2-11).

**Administrative Law, Ethics, Environmental Law, & Contract Law (Room 240):** Administrative law and ethics issues range from use of funds, legal reviews, and investigations, to general policy guidance. Legal advice in these areas is on behalf of the Army and not for individuals facing adverse action for violations. If you have a question in one of these areas, please call 652-5220.

**Claims (Room 222):** If you were involved in a traffic accident while driving a GOV, or if you have questions about filing a claim for damage to private property, contact the claims office at 652-4742.

**Employment Law (Room 240):** Advises commanders and supervisors on Army civilian personnel issues. The labor law counselor is restricted to advising management officials and cannot represent or individual employees can contact the labor law counselor at 652-5220.

**International Law (Room 238):** For assistance and coordination regarding Japanese legal issues. Does not represent clients. Please contact the international law office at 652-4782.

**Legal Assistance (Room 220):** Represents clients in an individual capacity. Provides powers of attorney and notaries (appointment-basis). Provides advice on personal legal issues such as wills and family law (appointment-basis). Does **not** advise on military criminal offenses and most military administrative separations, or give employment law advice, business advice, or advice on claims against the United States Government. For a legal assistance appointment, call 652-4332.

**Military Justice (Room 237):** Commanders, First Sergeants, Sergeants Major, or other leaders who need legal advice on military justice matters (adverse actions and legal advice related to their roles as leaders under AR 600-20, **not** individual legal advice) should contact Military Justice at 652-5348/ 5195/ 4279/ 5209.

**Off-Duty Employment:** For questions about operating a personal business, contact MWR at 652-5396.

**Tax Assistance:** The Army has a joint tax center on Kadena Air Base (we no longer have an Army tax office on Torii Station). During tax season (February to 15 April), you can call the Joint Tax Center located on Kadena at 634-5013.

**Trial Defense Services (TDS):** Currently located in Korea, TDS advises Soldiers facing UCMJ or administrative separation. Military Justice paralegals (Room 220, Building 218) can assist with client intake information for TDS but cannot provide legal advice or further information (AR 27-26, Rule 1.7-1.13). For more information, contact 652-4332/ 4742.