

ILLINOIS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

**CLIENT’S STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING
OF TRIAL DEFENSE SERVICES AND REPRESENTATION**

I, _____, (hereinafter “Client”) on this ___ day of _____, 20___, do hereby declare and evince that I have consulted with my assigned Trial Defense Judge Advocate, _____, (hereinafter “Judge Advocate”) and, having been duly advised of my rights and responsibilities, agrees to the following terms of this Statement of Understanding of Trial Defense Services and Representation (hereinafter “Statement of Understanding.”):

(1) The Judge Advocate will devote his/her full professional abilities to the case and Client agrees to fully cooperate with his Judge Advocate during the pendency of proceedings.

(2) The Client has a duty to keep the Judge Advocate advised of the Client’s current address and phone number. Client will provide the Judge Advocate with all address and phone number changes within ten (10) business days of such changes. The Judge Advocate will make him/herself available to the Client within a reasonable period of time. Client acknowledges that the Judge Advocate is likely an MDAY Soldier, and may only be available to meet and provide legal advice on evenings and weekends.

(3) Client understands and agrees that any one or all of the Judge Advocates assigned to Trial Defense services may work on /her case, provided no conflict exists, and that said work may include the trial of said case.

(4) The scope of legal services provided by the Judge Advocate to Client shall be limited to the allegations arising out of the incident(s) which occurred on the ___ day of _____, 20___, in the County of _____, State of _____, described briefly as follows:

and shall not include representation of any other claim, lawsuit, punitive action, administrative action, or criminal proceedings that have been otherwise instituted. The Client acknowledges that the Judge Advocate is not providing any legal services, before or after the statute of limitation(s) expires, for any other potential lawsuit, punitive action, administrative action, or criminal proceedings that may later be instituted. Therefore, Client should seek the legal advice of other counsel IMMEDIATELY if Client intends to prove, prosecute, or defend any other action potentially pending in any legal forum whatsoever. Further, if Client does seek to obtain further

legal services from the Judge Advocate for any other potential lawsuit, punitive action, administrative action, or criminal proceeding, a new appointment must occur and a new Statement of Understanding must be executed.

(5) Client hereby agrees to keep the Judge Advocate apprised of all developments in his/her case, and to cooperate with the Judge Advocate in disclosing witnesses, potential tangible evidence of any kind, and potential defenses.

(6) Client hereby agrees to avoid ex parte contact with any other person, including Service Members, who are represented by counsel in conjunction with the incident which occurred on the ___ day of _____, 20__, in the County of _____, State of _____. Further, in the event that Client has been advised by his/her Command to cease and desist from all communications with other persons, including Service Members, who are involved with or have knowledge of the incident which occurred on the ___ day of _____, 20__, in the County of _____, State of _____, Client hereby agrees to refrain from any and all contact with that person or Service Member, including but not limited to telephone, text message, electronic, and/or personal communications, both directly and through third parties.

(7) Client understands that upon conclusion of the proceedings arising out of the incident which occurred on the ___ day of _____, 20__, in the County of _____, State of _____, that the ongoing legal relationship between Client and the Judge Advocate will be terminated. Client understands that the Judge Advocate will remain bound to privilege, confidentiality, and all ethical rules and regulations following the termination of the Judge Advocate's legal representation.

(8) Client has read this Statement of Understanding, and agrees to its provisions.

JUDGE ADVOCATE

CLIENT

DATE

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