

Judge Advocate Facilities Overview.

1.1 Description. The mission of the Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps (AFJAGC) is to deliver professional, candid, independent counsel and full-spectrum legal capabilities to the command and the warfighter. In so doing, the AFJAGC ensures the lawful accomplishment of the Air Force mission, the discipline of the force, the defense of Air Force resources, and the preservation of prerogatives for Air Force leaders. In addition, the AFJAGC represents accused Airmen, supports victims' rights, and assists Airmen and their families in resolving personal legal problems. Legal canons of ethics drive confidentiality for attorney-client discussions, which in turn necessitate private offices with higher-than-normal sound transmission ratings. Additionally, legal facilities should evince a professional image, reflective of the rule of law. Adequate facilities are needed for the proper administration and supervision of the Air Force's legal needs. Typical unique special purpose spaces include courthouse and discussion rooms.

1.2 Requirements Determination.

1.2.1 The **Staff Judge Advocate Facility (SJA)** is the primary base legal counsel and prosecution offices for the installation. These facilities usually consist of attorney offices, paralegal workspaces, reception, waiting area, a courtroom and supporting spaces. Ideally the Courtroom and SJA Offices are co-located.

1.2.2 The **Area Defense Counsel (ADC)** provides defense counseling for criminal cases and includes attorney offices, paralegal offices, administrative support, visiting attorneys, and waiting area. This office should not be located near the SJA office.

1.2.3 The **Victim Counsel (VC)** is an independent counsel to support victims of sexual assault and includes attorney offices, paralegal office, administrative support, visiting attorney, and waiting area. This office should not be located near the ADC office.

1.2.4 **MAJCOM and NAF Headquarters Judge Advocate offices (JA)** Director and Deputy Director earn an Office Type B, Division Chiefs and Attorneys earn an Office Type C. For all support spaces use Category Group 61 — Administrative Facilities Overview.

1.3 Each of these functions can be situated within a multi-use building or constructed as independent facilities. Given the nature of their clients, the ADC, SJA, and SVC offices must be located apart from each other, ideally in different sections of the base.

1.4 Scope Determination: Mission-specific and unique spatial requirements may be warranted for local installation needs. Generally, attorneys require larger offices to accommodate multiple clients simultaneously. The various programmed spaces can be categorized into two areas: administrative offices and the courtroom. For details see **CC 610112 Law Center, CC 610111 Area Defense Counsel Office, and CC 610916 Special Victim Counsel.**