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**PROMULGATING ORDER: UNIFORM RULES OF PRACTICE, NAVY-MARINE
CORPS TRIAL JUDICIARY**

Subj: Uniform Rules of Practice, NMCTJ

Encl: (1) Uniform Rules of Practice, NMCTJ, dated 30 July 2015

1. Purpose. To establish uniform rules for courts-martial practice throughout the Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary.

2. Applicability. The Uniform Rules of Practice set forth in enclosure (1) shall apply to all circuits within the Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary and to all attorneys, court personnel, lawyers, witnesses, and spectators participating in, or observing, courts-martial proceedings.

3. Cancellation. These Uniform Rules are effective as of 30 July 2015. The 1 March 2015 edition of the Uniform Rules of Practice, NMCTJ, is canceled effective this date.

4. Significant Changes:

a. These rules now either mandate or strongly encourage use of various court-martial documents (i.e., a standard Trial Management Order, a standard Appellate Rights Statement, a standard Motion for Continuance, a standard Member's Questionnaire, and a model Pretrial Agreement). The rules now direct counsel to the jag.navy.mil website for the most current version of each of those documents

b. Other revisions: Rule 11.2 (Continuances), Rule 22.3 (Voir Dire) and Rule 38 (Appointment of a Designee for Certain Victims) have been revised.

5. Action. The Uniform Rules of Practice, NMCTJ are a guide to circuits of the NMCTJ and participants practicing therein.

a. All rules set forth in reference (a) and enclosure (1) shall be followed by judges and other participants, whether military or civilian, practicing or otherwise participating or viewing special or general courts-martial within the Navy-Marine Corps AOR. Local circuit rules may supplement, but not contradict, the Uniform Rules.

b. Circuit judges shall ensure that copies of enclosure (1) are provided to the Commanding Officers of Regional Legal Services Offices and Defense Services Offices, Officers in Charge of Marine Legal Service Support Sections, Marine Regional Defense Counsel, and Regional Victims' Legal Counsel within their circuit for further distribution to all military counsel under their command. Military defense counsel will furnish civilian defense counsel with copies of these rules. Trial counsel will furnish civilian victim's legal counsel with copies of these rules upon notice of appearance.


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