



Trial Defense Services

FORT KNOX FIELD OFFICE
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WHAT IS THE TRIAL DEFENSE SERVICE?

The Trial Defense Service (TDS) is a separate organization of attorneys with their headquarters in Arlington, VA. While attorneys may be serving at your installation, they are not part of the local command. TDS attorneys are completely independent. They have a separate reporting and rating chain that is completely separate from your installation or command.

You should not have any reservations about talking to your Trial Defense attorney. The attorney-client confidentiality protects conversations between you and your attorney. This rule prohibits your attorney from revealing confidential matters unless you consent.

Because TDS does not have to “please” the Government or your commanders, we will work with you to obtain the best possible results in your case. Your attorney will carefully evaluate your case and honestly advise you of the best course of action for your case. If you decide to plead guilty, your attorney will negotiate with the Government to seek the best possible result for you.

In addition, should your TDS attorney engage in any pretrial negotiations with the Government prosecutor concerning your case, such negotiations are protected under the Military Rules of Evidence. These rules prevent information gained in such pretrial negotiations from being used by the Government against you.

A soldier suspected or charged with a crime may always obtain a private attorney to represent himself or herself, at no expense to the Government. While the services of your TDS attorney are completely free of charge, a private attorney will likely expect payment of their fees, regardless of the result.

Your TDS office is here solely to serve you, the client. You will receive competent and caring representation concerning your legal problems. If you have any questions or need further information, please call us at Commercial (502) 624-5822/4417 or DSN 464-5822/4417 or visit the Trial Defense Service web link from <http://www.knox.army.mil/sja/>.