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From: Chief Defense Counsel of the Marine Corps  
To: Detailed Defense Counsel

Subj: INTERIM CHANGE TO POLICY MEMORANDUM 3.1D

Ref: (a) CDC Policy Memorandum 3.1D dated 6 Nov 20

1. Senior Defense Counsel (SDC) are the closest supervisors to litigation and generally have the most personal contact with other local members of the military justice system. In order to protect SDCs from allegations of conflict of interest, certain cases which would otherwise be routine detailing or routine conflict situations require more detached assignment. Therefore, the following change will be included in the next update to reference (a).

2. Paragraph 3.b.(3)(e) of reference (a) requires SDCs to forward cases to their Regional Defense Counsel (RDC) for detailing when cases of co-accused or other conflicts exhaust the SDC's capacity to detail conflict-free counsel. Effective immediately, in addition to these cases, SDCs will forward to the RDC any request or recommendation for detailing, walk in assistance, and offers of defense counsel services (including conflict-free counsel related to on-going litigation) to trial counsel, staff judge advocates, victims' legal counsel, and other attorneys working within the military justice system.

3. All SDCs will review the interim change, and RDCs will report completion to the Deputy Chief Defense Counsel within five working days. Questions should be address to the undersigned at [valerie.danyluk@usmc.mil](mailto:valerie.danyluk@usmc.mil).

  
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