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From: Judge Advocate General

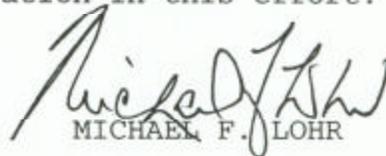
Subj: CERTIFICATION OF "GOOD STANDING" WITH LICENSING AUTHORITY

1. Rule 8.6 of the Navy's Professional Responsibility Instruction, JAGINST 5803.1B, requires active and Reserve Navy and Marine Corps judge advocates, and Department of the Navy civil service and contract attorneys practicing under the cognizance of the Judge Advocate General, to remain "in good standing" with their licensing authority. Individuals may be required to provide proof of compliance with this rule.

2. Accordingly, I am requiring attorneys under my cognizance to provide documentation demonstrating their "good standing" status not later than 31 January 2004. Brigadier General Sandkuhler, USMC, will facilitate this requirement for Marine Corps attorneys (active, Reserve, and civilian). Rear Admiral Kantrowitz, JAGC, USNR, and Captain Dalton, JAGC, USN, will facilitate this requirement for Navy Reserve and Navy attorneys (civilian and military) respectively. Specific guidance on submission procedures will be provided.

3. Acceptable documentation for this purpose includes any 2003 or 2004 paperwork from your licensing authority indicating such status. For example, a photocopy of your bar card or letter stating you meet this requirement is sufficient. Attorneys licensed in multiple jurisdictions need only certify "good standing" with one state bar. As a reminder, however, the professional responsibility rules require you to report the initiation of any disciplinary investigation or action by any jurisdiction in which you are licensed.

4. I appreciate your cooperation in this effort.


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