MILITARY COURT SERVICE SJEG UPDATE

Case Center – Sept 23

The application will streamline the way the courts prepare, manage, and present digital cases within a centralised cloud-based solution. THOMSON REUTERS® CASE CENTER formerly CaseLines

MCS will soon be able to manage proceedings by sending and sharing case materials from any device, keeping all parties in sync as they prepare for a hearing. In a hearing, purpose-built presentation tools will streamline proceedings so parties can direct others to the right document, in a timely manner. Digital Court Case Management will be live in the Service Courts.

MCS Introduce Board Video Capture devices

There are many occasions after a Board has retired when they require to revisit the content of the hearing, and this may not be just limited to written material. The ability to freely view any captured video and audio or images during the proceedings negates the need for all parties to come back to the court room and for the evidence to be played again with all present in the court room. The capability significantly enhances the information provided to Boards who are assessing all the evidence during deliberation.

A Video Capture Device allows digital evidence shown to Boards to be recorded. It uses a duplicate of the feed to the main in-court display screens and can record all information displayed on the screens. Evidence is recorded exactly as it is shown to the Board.





Closing the Gap

The Military Court Service's ability to meet a statutory requirement for the provision of technical special measures relating to vulnerable and intimidated witnesses for proceedings in the Service Courts is close to moving into implementation.

This work will deliver compliance with Service Court Rules amendments as set out in sections 22A and 28 of the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999 (YJCEA) applying to vulnerable / intimidated witnesses in the Service Justice System.

Director MCS is collaborating with Army Commercial to complete rigorous processes and security work streams to ensure our data is protected in accordance with all legal requirements.

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Section 85A Courts Act 2003 Success Story

Level 3 Uniformed Services students from Kidderminster had the opportunity to remotely observe a Military Court Martial sentencing hearing (fraud) at Catterick. This was a fantastic experience to support their educational objectives, giving students a taste of the judicial process in action, and was followed by a live Question and Answer session with the Judge Advocate Legard.

It was the first time that our system had been used in this way in meeting our statutory requirement and at the same time supporting educational needs. MCS were both delighted and thrilled to support the students.

