



Sexual Assault Court-Martial Training

Summary

- Users practice prosecuting SGT Anthony K. Daniels for the sexual assault of PFC Shawna Smith.
- Created for JAG Officers from all branches of the U.S. Armed Services.
- The system includes 20 interactive e-learning modules with comprehension checks, 11 practice exercises, and 2 simulated conversations. Training content covers all aspects of prosecuting a sexual assault case from working with investigators, through identifying and questioning witnesses, to sentencing.
- Simulated conversations allow Trial Counsel to conduct a direct examination with PFC Smith and a cross examination with SGT Daniels. Both PFC Smith and SGT Daniels will act differently in every simulation. PFC Smith may be an ideal or difficult witness, and the types of questions the user selects will further impact her composure and cooperation. SGT Daniels will change in his approach to justifying his actions during each play and will take advantage of any missteps made by the user.
- Users receive ongoing feedback and a post-conversation analysis of how well they performed.

Scenario

- Users assume the role of JAG Trial Counsel, questioning PFC Smith, SGT Daniels, and an expert witness.
- SGT Daniels allegedly assaulted PFC Smith at his barracks after a night of drinking. Users will learn the case history, including reading Daniels' statement and hearing a pretext phone call.
- PFC Smith and SGT Daniels will act differently each time and will react to the user's tactics.
- Topics Trial Counsel can cover include:
 - The relationship between PFC Smith and SGT Daniels
 - PFC Smith's and SGT Daniels' character
 - Alcohol consumption on the night of the attack
 - Details of the attack
 - Activities that occurred the morning after the attack
 - Statements made to investigating officers and during a recorded telephone call



Learning Objectives

After achieving mastery through practice exercises and repeated conversations, the user will be able to:

- Prepare for and prosecute a sexual assault case
- Work with investigating officers, commanders, and witnesses
- Deliver a compelling opening statement and closing argument
- Elicit testimony from witnesses testifying in court



Seat Time

- Approximately 30 hours of e-learning material.
 - Simulated conversations last 15-20 minutes.
 - Average user will require 20-25 hours to achieve mastery of the learning objectives, but can learn the basics in a few hours.
- NOTE: Figure does not account for longer-term "refresher" sessions, which will vary by user.