

**48-2703. (KCMJ Art. 38) Duties of trial counsel and defense counsel.** (a) The trial counsel of a general or special court-martial shall prosecute in the name of the state and shall, under the direction of the court, prepare the record of the proceedings.

(b) The accused has the right to be represented in the accused's defense before a general or special court-martial by civilian counsel if provided by the accused, by military counsel of the accused's own selection if reasonably available or by the defense counsel detailed under K.S.A. 48-2505 and amendments thereto. Should the accused have counsel of the accused's own selection, the defense counsel and assistant defense counsel, if any, who were detailed shall, if the accused so desires, act as the accused's associate counsel; otherwise they shall be excused by the military judge.

(c) In every court-martial proceeding, the defense counsel may, in the event of conviction, forward for attachment to the record of proceedings a brief of such matters the defense counsel feels should be considered in behalf of the accused on review, including any objection to the contents of the record which the defense counsel considers appropriate.

(d) An assistant trial counsel of a general court-martial may, under the direction of the trial counsel or when such assistant trial counsel is qualified to be a trial counsel as required by K.S.A. 48-2505 and amendments thereto, perform any duty imposed by law, regulation or the custom of the service upon the trial counsel of the court.

(e) An assistant defense counsel of a general court-martial may, under the direction of the defense counsel or when such assistant defense counsel is qualified to be the defense counsel as required by K.S.A. 48-2505 and amendments thereto, perform any duty imposed by law, regulation or the custom of the service upon counsel for the accused.

**History:** L. 1972, ch. 203, § 48-2703; L. 1988, ch. 191, § 24; July 1.