

**MICHIGAN CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE OF 1980 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 523 of 1980**

**32.1026 General or special court-martial; military judge.**

Sec. 26. (1) The person convening a general or special court-martial shall request the state judge advocate general to appoint a military judge to the general or special court-martial.

(2) The state judge advocate general may appoint an assistant judge advocate to serve as a military judge who is a commissioned officer, who is licensed to practice law in this state, and who is certified for that duty by the state judge advocate.

(3) The military judge shall not consult with the members of the court except in the presence of the accused, trial counsel, and defense counsel, nor shall the military judge vote with the members of the court.

(4) The military judge shall rule finally on all matters of law, rule finally on all motions, and except as otherwise provided, decide all other questions raised at the trial of the accused.

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