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To whom it may concern:

This letter constitutes a request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding policies set forth by the Department of Defense for military judges. It is being submitted on behalf of Fix the Court, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that advocates for greater openness and accountability in Article III courts.

The request looks to compare Article I and Article III courts by seeking the following information:

1. The judicial wellness policies, to the extent they exist, for judges who preside over courts martial; and
- 2: The same policies for judges who serve in the Army Court of Criminal Appeals, the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals, the Coast Guard Court of Criminal Appeals, the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

By “judicial wellness policies,” I am referring to policies that exist in several U.S. Courts of Appeals that are aimed at identifying and mitigating the potential for cognitive decline in active judges. For example, the Ninth Circuit’s Judicial Wellness Committee encourages aging jurists to undergo mental health assessments, hosts neurological experts to speak about the warning signs of impairment and has a hotline where concerned court staff and judges can get advice about dealing with signs of aging.

I am willing to pay any fees associated with this matter up to \$250. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this limit, please inform me first.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,
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