

THE DEFENCE LEGAL SERVICE
CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF 9 JUL 01
COMMITTEE DECISION 35/01

**Subject: Request for Litigation and Contract law work to be recognised
for Legal Competency Level purposes**

The Committee noted:

1. The attached submission from LEUT Whiting¹ concerning the need for expertise in the areas of litigation and contract law work.
2. The DFRT Decision on the Legal Officers' Specialist Structure (17 Feb 00) made reference to the three legal employment specialisations, namely military administrative law, operations and international law and discipline law.
3. Notwithstanding that only three legal employment specialisations were adopted by the DFRT, submissions to the DFRT identified that ADF legal officers involved in military operations were required to have knowledge and skills to understand and apply international law, military administrative law, prosecutions, contract law, environment law and training.

The Committee decided:

1. **To support** the recognition of litigation and contract law as areas of law that should be recognised for legal competency level purposes.
2. **To request** DMLC to examine the current competencies and academic program and make recommendations for consideration by the Committee concerning adjustments that would give appropriate recognition to litigation and contract law in order for a further submission to be made to the DFRT.

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