

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 114-

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OFFERED BY MR. DESANTIS OF FLORIDA

Page 139, after line 22, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 547. CAREER MILITARY JUSTICE LITIGATION TRACK**

2 **FOR JUDGE ADVOCATES.**

3 (a) CAREER LITIGATION TRACK REQUIRED.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of each mili-
5 tary department shall establish a career military jus-
6 tice litigation track for judge advocates in the
7 Armed Forces under the jurisdiction of the Sec-
8 retary.

9 (2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of the
10 Army and the Secretary of the Air Force shall estab-
11 lish the litigation track required by this section in
12 consultation with the Judge Advocate General of the
13 Army and the Judge Advocate General of the Air
14 Force, respectively. The Secretary of the Navy shall
15 establish the litigation track in consultation with the
16 Judge Advocate General of the Navy and the Staff
17 Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine
18 Corps.

1 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each career litigation track under
2 this section shall provide for the following:

3 (1) Assignment and advancement of qualified
4 judge advocates in and through assignments and bil-
5 lets relating to the practice of military justice under
6 chapter 47 of title 10, United States Code (the Uni-
7 form Code of Military Justice).

8 (2) Establishing for each Armed Force the as-
9 signments and billets covered by paragraph (1),
10 which shall include trial counsel, defense counsel,
11 military trial judge, military appellate judge, aca-
12 demic instructor, all positions within criminal law of-
13 fices or divisions of such Armed Force, Special Vic-
14 tims Prosecutor, Victims' Legal Counsel, Special
15 Victims' Counsel, and such other positions as the
16 Secretary of the military department concerned shall
17 specify.

18 (3) For judge advocates participating in such
19 litigation track, mechanisms as follows:

20 (A) To prohibit a judge advocate from
21 more than a total of four years of duty or as-
22 signments outside such litigation track

23 (B) To prohibit any adverse assessment of
24 a judge advocate so participating by reason of
25 such participation in the promotion of officers

1 through grade O–6 (or such higher grade as the
2 Secretary of the military department concerned
3 shall specify for purposes of such litigation
4 track).

5 (4) Such additional requirements and qualifica-
6 tions for the litigation track as the Secretary of the
7 military department concerned considers appro-
8 priate, including requirements and qualifications
9 that take into account the unique personnel needs
10 and requirement of an Armed Force.

11 (c) IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINE.—Each Secretary
12 of a military department shall implement the career litiga-
13 tion track required by this section for the Armed Forces
14 under the jurisdiction of such Secretary by not later than
15 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

16 (d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, each Secretary of a military
18 department shall submit to the Committees on Armed
19 Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives
20 a report on the progress of such Secretary in imple-
21 menting the career litigation track required under this sec-
22 tion for the Armed Forces under the jurisdiction of such
23 Secretary.

