

**JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS PANEL
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION SET # 3**

72. Who is primarily responsible for advising a victim of his/her options to file a complainant of professional or social retaliation?

USA	The SARC or VA advises the victim, as part of completing the DD Form 2910 (Victim Reporting Preference Statement) that: (6) “I understand that if I experience coercion, retaliation, reprisal, or ostracism from my supervisors or peers, I can report it to the SARC, Special Victims Counsel, my commander, Victim Witness Assistance Program personnel or my Service Inspector General.”
USAF	See RFI #68 for discussion of the terms “professional retaliation” and “social retaliation.” As of 17 March 2015, Sexual Assault Response Coordinators and Victim Advocates have the primary responsibility for discussing retaliation and retaliation reporting with sexual assault victims under the AF SAPR program, as well as ensuring retaliation cases are properly referred. The response to RFIs #69 and #71 provide further details on the roles of each helping agency in advising victims of their reporting options and assisting victims with making retaliation reports.
USN	Responsibility for advising any victim of their options to file a complaint of professional or social retaliation will depend on to whom the victim makes the initial report. Navy has embarked on comprehensive education and advertising programs that announce the NAVINSGEN as the central reporting agency for filing complaints of professional or social retaliation; however, chains of command, VLC, NCIS, and VAs are also capable of assisting victims with complaints of professional or social retaliation. If a victim has formed an attorney-client relationship with a VLC, the VLC is primarily responsible for advising and assisting the victim in retaliation complaint options.
USMC	SARCs and SAPR VA/UVAs are required to discuss retaliation from supervisors or peers and options to file a complaint as part of the protocol for review of the DD Form 2910; however, they will refer them to their command or IG to actually file a complaint. Also, IGMC is typically not a first responder for sexual assault victims, but the IGMC and CIG accept and process all requests for assistance and/or investigations in accordance with SECNAVINST 5370.7D and will assist anyone who comes to the IG to file a retaliation complaint. The IGMC is responsible for conducting all inquiries in an independent, unbiased, and professional manner and will ensure all complaints to the IG are addressed.
USCG	The SARC or SVC have the primary responsibility of advising a victim of the option to file a complaint for professional or social retaliation.