

**916.1 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#):

1. “*Confidential communication*” means confidential information shared between a victim and a military victim advocate within the advocacy relationship, and includes all information received by the advocate and any advice, report, or working paper given to or prepared by the advocate in the course of the advocacy relationship with the victim. “*Confidential information*” is information which, so far as the victim is aware, is not disclosed to a third party with the exception of a person present in the consultation for the purpose of furthering the interest of the victim, a person to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for the transmission of the information, or a person with whom disclosure is necessary for accomplishment of the purpose for which the advocate is consulted by the victim.

2. “*Military victim advocate*” or “*advocate*” means a person who is a member of the national guard or a branch of the armed forces of the United States and who has completed a military victim advocate course provided by a branch of the armed forces of the United States or by the United States department of defense.

3. “*Special victims’ counsel*” means military personnel who are members of the judge advocate general’s corps of the national guard or a branch of the armed forces of the United States, who have completed special victims’ counsel training, and who are serving as a special victims’ counsel to a victim. For the purposes of [this chapter](#), special victims’ counsel shall also be considered military victim advocates.

4. “*Victim*” means a person who consults a military victim advocate for the purpose of securing advice, advocacy, counseling, or assistance concerning a mental, physical, or emotional condition caused by a sexual crime committed against the person.

[2015 Acts, ch 28, §1](#); [2015 Acts, ch 138, §51, 161, 162](#)