

The University of Fiji's JDP School of Law's Jiten Singh Appointed Judge Advocate for Court Martials

The University of Fiji's Justice Devendra Pathik School of Law (JDP SoL), Senior Lecturer, Mr. Jiten Singh has been appointed a Judge Advocate for Court Martials of The Republic of Fiji Military Forces.

Speaking about his role as the Judge Advocate, Mr. Singh explained that he would be able to advise the President and other four members of the Court Martial on matters relating to Law, some of the evidence and also give guidelines for sentencing. However, the President of the Court Martial and the four members decide whether a person is found guilty or not and decide the sentence.

"Wherever they will need any assistance on Law, they will seek my guidance. I will be sitting with them through the Court Martial and as a Judge Advocate I decide the admissibility of evidence," he stated.

Judge Advocate Singh also stated that through his appointment, he would bring back the knowledge about the Fiji Army, how they operate and their different ranks, and military law into his academic teaching.

"Law at the end of the day is a practical matter and not theory. There are a lot of criminal procedures involved in it and the knowledge will come in handy while teaching Law at the UniFiji," he mentioned.

Mr. Singh is a former High Court Judge of Fiji and has been a Senior Lecturer both part-time and full time at JDP School of Law. He has been teaching the LLB programme and Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (GDLP) for seven years at JDP SoL.

JDP SoL Dean, Professor Shaista Shameem, stated that she was very proud that one of her colleagues had attained a prestigious appointment as he would be bringing back a wealth of knowledge to JDP SoL.

"This enhances the reputation of the JDP School of Law and shows the caliber of the staff of the School," she concluded.