

MILITARY COMMISSIONS TRIAL JUDICIARY  
GUANTANAMO BAY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

KHALID SHAIKH MOHAMMAD,  
WALID MUHAMMAD SALIH MUBARAK  
BIN 'ATTASH, RAMZI BIN AL SHIBH,  
ALI ABDUL-AZIZ ALI, MUSTAFA  
AHMED ADAM AL HAWSAWI

AE 615C(WBA)

Mr. bin 'Atash's Notice of Conflict Affecting  
Representation of Mr. bin 'Atash's Interests in  
Filing Pleadings in the AE 614 Motions Series

17 January 2019

1. **Timeliness:** This Notice is timely filed.

2. **Facts:**

a. On 21 December 2018, the Prosecution filed AE 614(GOV) (Government Motion to Compel Notice of Intent to Introduce Expert Mental Health Evidence). This Commission granted an extension of the deadline for the Defense to file their responses until 14 January 2019. (AE 614-2(RUL)(KSM).

b. On 20 December 2018, Defense Counsel for Mr. bin 'Atash learned of FBI investigation into Defense Counsel and Defense Team actions performed as part of Mr. bin 'Atash's representation. (AE 615(WBA) at 13-16).

c. Defense Counsel for Mr. bin 'Atash possess no information pertaining to why and what the FBI is investigating related to their representation of Mr. bin 'Atash. Despite filing AE 615(WBA) on 9 January 2019 and advising the Commission and the Special Review Team of the existence of the potential and/or actual conflict, no information about the investigation has been provided to Counsel. This Notice specifically incorporates herein the information detailed in Section 5 "Facts" of AE 615(WBA).

d. Defense Counsel for Mr. bin 'Atash are afraid of pursuing Mr. bin 'Atash's interests in exposing FBI misfeasance and malfeasance its handling of the 9/11 investigation and its treatment

of Mr. bin 'Atash from his capture until the present. Defense Counsel reasonably believe that attacking FBI representations, work-product, investigative procedures, and interrogation policies and methods will subject them to further investigation and scrutiny by the FBI. Defense Counsel reasonably believe that advocating for disclosure of information that the FBI has attempted to hide from the public will subject them to further investigation and scrutiny by the FBI.

e. Consequently, Defense Counsel for Mr. bin 'Atash decline to file any pleadings in the AE 614 motions series including, but not limited to, their response to AE 614(GOV). Any response to AE 614(GOV) would necessarily provide information regarding the statuses of Mr. bin 'Atash's expert-related defenses. The conflict described in AE 615(WBA) inhibits zealous advocacy and Defense Counsel have assessed that providing the FBI additional information regarding Mr. bin 'Atash's defenses is likely to provide the FBI additional fodder for their investigation into Mr. bin 'Atash's defense team.

f. Until Defense Counsel for Mr. bin 'Atash are assured that they are no longer subject to law enforcement or security clearance investigation, Counsel will not represent Mr. bin 'Atash's interests in any pleading, argument, or witness examination related to FBI involvement in Mr. bin 'Atash's case. Additionally, Mr. bin 'Atash's Defense Counsel will not provide the FBI information that might assist in the ongoing investigation of Mr. bin 'Atash's defenses and his defense team.

g. As of the date of this Notice, Mr. bin 'Atash is represented by Ms. Cheryl T. Bormann (Learned Counsel), Mr. William J. Montross, Jr. (Detailed Defense Counsel), Mr. Edwin A. Perry (Detailed Defense Counsel), and Major Matthew H. Seeger (Military Counsel) as counsel of record. Counsel are also assisted by Capt Simon Caine, an uncleared military counsel, who was

detailed to the defense team representing Mr. bin 'Atash in September 2018. Counsel intend to file a motion to excuse Capt Brian Brady as counsel of record in the coming days.

**3. Attachments:**

A. Certificate of Service

**4. Signatures:**

/s/

CHERYL T. BORMANN  
Learned Counsel

/s/

EDWIN A. PERRY  
Detailed Defense Counsel

/s/

MATTHEW H. SEEGER  
Major, USA  
Detailed Military Counsel

/s/

WILLIAM R. MONTROSS, Jr.  
Detailed Defense Counsel

# Attachment A

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on 17 January 2019, I electronically filed by email with the Trial Judiciary, AE 615C(WBA), Mr. bin 'Atash's Notice of Conflict Affecting Representation of Mr. bin 'Atash's Interests in Filing Pleadings in the AE 614 Motions Series, and served a copy of the attached motion on all counsel of record.

/s/

**CHERYL T. BORMANN**  
Learned Counsel