



# Judge Advocate General United States Coast Guard Direct Commission Lawyer Program

**Next application deadlines:**  
**February 12, 2024 & August 14, 2024**

**Job Description:** Coast Guard Judge Advocates are commissioned officers and licensed attorneys qualified to represent the Coast Guard and its members in military legal matters encompassing a diverse range of legal practice areas. Being a part of the CGJAG offers you the opportunity to serve the United States as a leader, an officer, and an attorney.

## Areas of Practice

- Military Justice (Criminal Law)
- Maritime & International Law
- Claims & Litigation
- Regulations & Administrative Law
- Cyber Law
- Intelligence and Information Law
- Procurement Law
- General (Fiscal, Employment, Ethics, Real Property, Administrative) Law
- Legislation
- Member Advocacy & Legal Assistance

## Benefits

- Up to \$40,000 Sign-on Bonus
- Enter service as a Lieutenant (O-3)
- Steady income based on military pay scale
- Basic Allowance for Housing (not subject to federal or state income taxes)
- Advancement
- Paid vacation (2.5 days/month for a total of 30 days each year)
- Health Care (Medical and Dental)
- Life insurance
- Post 9/11 GI Bill
- VA Home Loans eligibility
- Military exchange, commissary, & child development center privileges
- Paid Parental Leave

## Eligibility Requirements

- Licensed attorney or 3L law student
- Ages 21-41
- U.S. Citizenship
- Eligible for a Secret Clearance
- Must pass a commissioning physical (MEPS)
- Financially responsible

## Training

- Direct Commission Officer School (4-5 weeks duration)
- Naval Justice School (10 weeks duration)
- Operational Familiarization Tour (2 weeks duration underway)

## Potential Locations of Employment

- Boston, MA
- Portsmouth/Norfolk, VA
- Washington, DC
- Juneau, AK
- Honolulu, HI
- New London, CT
- Miami, FL
- Alameda, CA
- Charleston, SC
- New Orleans, LA
- Seattle, WA
- Cleveland, OH

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