



# Second-Year Law Student Direct Commission Lawyer Program

## Serve in Uniform

Coast Guard judge advocates are commissioned officers, licensed attorneys, and leaders who support the Coast Guard and its members every day.

Commission into the inactive reserve while you finish law school. After graduating and sitting for a bar examination, start your career and serve four years on active duty.

### Practice Areas

Experience diverse practice areas including:

- Military Justice
- Maritime Law
- International Law
- Environmental Law
- Civil Litigation
- Cyber Law
- Intelligence Law
- Administrative Law

### Locations

Serve in major U.S. cities like Boston, Honolulu, Miami, New Orleans, and DC.

## How to Apply

### Application Deadlines

Semi-annual application cycles: apply in August or February of your 2L year.

### Eligibility

- Age: 21-39
- Education: 2L at an ABA-accredited law school
- Citizenship: U.S. citizen
- Medical: Must meet medical and physical accession standards
- Eligible for security clearance

## Apply Now

Contact a Coast Guard recruiter to start your application.

Ask [CoastGuardDCL@uscg.mil](mailto:CoastGuardDCL@uscg.mil) to get connected with your local recruiting office.



## Benefits

### Competitive Salary

- Pay and allowances start from \$88,000 to \$120,000
- Commission as a lieutenant (O-3)
- Raises every 1-2 years of service and with promotion

### Financial Incentives

- Eligible employment for federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness
- Free medical and dental coverage
- VA home loan eligibility
- Retirement plan with matching contributions

### Work Life Balance

- Military exchange, commissary, and subsidized childcare privileges
- Generous paid parental leave
- 30 days of paid annual vacation + 11 paid federal holidays

### Advance Your Education

- Opportunities for an LL.M. paid for by the Coast Guard
- Post 9/11 GI Bill eligibility

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