



U.S. Coast Guard

Reserve Judge Advocate

Direct Commission Lawyer Selected Reserve Program

Next application deadline: early June 2025

Job Description: Coast Guard Reserve Judge Advocates are commissioned reserve officers and licensed attorneys qualified to represent the Coast Guard and its members in a diverse range of legal practice areas. Qualified Reserve Judge Advocates are Always Ready to deploy to disaster sites to provide critical on-site legal support during Coast Guard contingency operations and augment active duty Coast Guard members.

Areas of Practice

- Maritime & International Law
- Claims & Litigation
- Government Ethics
- Employment Law
- Military Command Advice/Personnel Mgmt
- Fiscal Law/Procurement Law
- Real Property
- Member Advocacy & Legal Assistance

Benefits

- Enter service as a Lieutenant Junior Grade (O-2)
- Reservist income based on military pay scale
- Eligibility for TRICARE Reserve Select Healthcare/Life Insurance
- VA Home Loans eligibility
- Military exchange & commissary privileges
- Post 9/11 GI Bill eligibility

Minimum Eligibility Requirements

- Licensed attorney
- Ages 21-40
- U.S. Citizenship
- Graduate of ABA-Accredited law school
- Eligible for a Secret Clearance
- Must pass a military entrance processing station (MEPS) medical exam
- Financially responsible

Training

- Reserve Officer Indoctrination Course - New London, Connecticut (5 weeks)
- Contingency Law Trainings

Potential Locations of Employment

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

*Telework arrangements available at command discretion

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Questions?

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