



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROSECUTOR

MISSION

The Office of the Chief Prosecutor is responsible for the disposition of the most serious, victim-centric offenses, the prosecution of all courts-martial, and the oversight of all Coast Guard prosecutors. Through effective coordination and transparent communication with commanders, investigators, Staff Judge Advocates, and other military justice stakeholders, the Office of the Chief Prosecutor seek justice to maintain good order and discipline throughout the Coast Guard.

PROSECUTION PRINCIPLES

We Are Privileged to Represent the United States of America as Trial Counsel and Special Trial Counsel.

Prosecutors are servants of justice. We uphold the laws of the Coast Guard and our Nation. We stand up for the vulnerable. When facing challenges in the discharge of these solemn and demanding duties, we must be mindful that we are privileged to serve in this role and to be entrusted with representing our Nation and its people through the equal and impartial application of justice and the law.

Respect to All. Crimes and criminal allegations have serious impacts affecting individuals, operational units, communities, families, and society. We will execute our duties with respect, empathy, and compassion for all involved, from the accused to the crime victim, witnesses, counsel, and court staff. We will always respect the innate value of humanity regardless of a person's choices, actions, or role.

Professional Competence. Mission excellence requires continuous commitment to our craft. We must be "Brilliant at the Basics" through dogged attention to the fundamentals of our practice, the details of our cases, our writing and oral advocacy skills, and by investing in one another. We recognize that mission excellence requires communication and coordination with investigators, convening authorities, and other judge advocates. Professional development is an ongoing obligation that elevates our practice.

Resiliency. The nature of our work requires mental and emotional toughness. Asking for help is a strength and a sign of toughness and wisdom, not weakness. To maintain our resilience and recover quickly from difficulties, we must look out for one another and acknowledge the challenges of our work, including the impacts of vicarious trauma.

Above Reproach in All We Do. We will always execute our duties with Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty with vigilance. Entrusted with the power of the U.S. Government, we will exemplify the best in professionalism and work ethic. We will comply with the letter and spirit of Coast Guard Legal Rules of Professional Conduct. We will be committed to fair play and collegiality. We will be careful stewards of the law and the administration of military justice in order to remain *Semper Paratus*.

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