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JAG INSTRUCTION 1520.1C

From: Judge Advocate General

Subj: NAVY FULLY FUNDED POSTGRADUATE LEGAL EDUCATION AT  
CIVILIAN INSTITUTIONS PROGRAM

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 1520.23B  
(b) OPNAVNOTE 1520 (Oct 96)  
(c) NAVPGSCOLINST 1520.1H  
(d) CNO WASHINGTON DC 061710Z Aug 07 (NAVADMIN 195/07)

1. Purpose. To announce and promulgate procedures and guidelines for the Navy Fully Funded Postgraduate Legal Education at Civilian Institutions (CIVINS) Program. With the exception of the writing and transcript requirements in paragraph 7 and 9, this instruction does not apply to assignment to service school postgraduate programs, including The Army Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School (TJAGLCS) and the Naval War College (NWC).

2. Cancellation. JAGINST 1520.1B.

3. Discussion

a. Navy judge advocates have earned a reputation as intelligent and proactive legal counselors and problem-solvers. To maintain this excellence in a world where knowledge expands more quickly every day, judge advocates need to keep pace by increasing and accelerating their learning. As discussed in reference (a), postgraduate education is an investment that benefits the Navy as well as individual judge advocates.

b. The Navy Fully Funded Postgraduate Legal Education at Civilian Institutions Program (hereafter referred to as the "program") supports Navy requirements for specialized education beyond the Juris Doctorate level. These requirements are identified in Navy's billet structure through subspecialty codes as defined in references (a) through (c). Comparison of the number of subspecialty coded billets to the number of subspecialty coded officers determines how many quotas the JAG

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Corps is allotted for a particular curriculum. Whether an officer can attend a particular postgraduate education program or curriculum is a function of the needs of the Navy for a particular subspecialty, tuition costs, available tuition budget, and permanent change of station costs. References (a) and (b) authorize judge advocates to pursue postgraduate education leading to one of the following subspecialties:

<u>Subspecialty Code</u>	<u>Subspecialty</u>	<u>Curriculum</u>
1201P	Advanced Military Law	881
1202P	Military Justice Litigation	884
1203P	International Law	883
1207P	Environmental Law	880

#### 4. Eligibility

a. An active-duty judge advocate will be eligible for assignment to this program after selection by the Career Status Board and will continue to be eligible for assignment to the program as a lieutenant commander and commander.

b. Whether a judge advocate will be assigned to the program as a commander will depend on the needs of the Navy and the judge advocate's ability to complete the service and utilization obligations incurred as a result of attending school.

c. Judge advocates who have failed to select for promotion will be considered for the program on a case-by-case basis.

d. Completion of the program does not preclude subsequent assignment to the NWC (Intermediate or Senior Course), the National Defense University, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, or any service school other than TJAGLCS. Judge advocates currently enrolled in, or a graduate of, TJAGLCS are ineligible for the program.

e. Judge advocates enrolled in graduate study on their own initiative and at their own expense are eligible for this program. Credits earned may be applied towards this program and reduce the amount of Duty-Under-Instruction (DUINS) time required. Judge advocates who have earned degrees qualifying for a JAG Corps subspecialty may apply for subspecialty coding by contacting the Navy JAG Corps' Postgraduate School Coordinator (PERS-4416B).

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## 5. Assignment Considerations

a. Assignments to postgraduate school will be part of the detailing process. Judge advocates should communicate with their detailers regarding their educational interests and timing to attend school.

b. Judge advocates will be assigned to the program based upon the needs of the Navy, quota availability, professional performance, and officer preferences. Curriculum assignment decisions will also be made as part of the detailing process.

c. Judge advocates detailed to the program will apply to law schools for their specified curriculum in accordance with references (a) through (c). In addition, judge advocates will apply to at least one school that has been approved by the Naval Post-Graduate School which is in a geographically disparate area from the other schools to which they have also applied. School assignment decisions will be made as part of a separate detailing process after application decisions have been made.

6. Obligated Service. In accordance with reference (d), judge advocates participating in this program will incur an active-duty obligation of three years.

7. Submission of Academic Work to the Naval Law Review. The Naval Law Review, published by the Naval Justice School, is a peer-reviewed forum for legal topics that affect the military. Judge advocates participating in the program, as well as TJAGLCS and the Naval War College Master's degree program, are required to author an original academic work containing legal analysis of an issue that affects the U.S. military. Except as noted in paragraph 7c below, this academic work must be submitted to the Naval Law Review to be considered for publication and inclusion in a web-based JAG Corps legal research library. Submissions shall be made no later than the judge advocate's scheduled graduation date from the program. Waivers for submissions beyond this date may be approved for exigent circumstances by the Deputy Judge Advocate General, on a case-by-case basis. Failure to comply with the writing requirement may result in modification of orders and other appropriate accountability measures.

a. As used in this instruction, "academic work" refers to any writing containing legal analysis of a topic that affects the military including, but not limited to, a book review, case note, essay, or thesis. While not a requirement, it is highly

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encouraged that the writing be in the traditional format of a law review article. The writing may be any work required as part of a judge advocate's curriculum. If the curriculum does not otherwise require an academic work suitable for publication, the judge advocate must nevertheless submit an original academic work to meet this requirement.

b. Before beginning their academic work, judge advocates will consult with the Naval Law Review regarding possible writing topics. The Naval Law Review will maintain a list of mentors who are experts in a particular area of the law and who, upon request, would be willing to help judge advocates develop a writing topic that meets the needs of the Navy, benefits the judge advocate's development, and satisfies the judge advocate's academic advisor and/or professor.

c. The academic work requirement will also be satisfied by showing a writing has been accepted for publication in a law journal affiliated with an American Bar Association accredited law school.

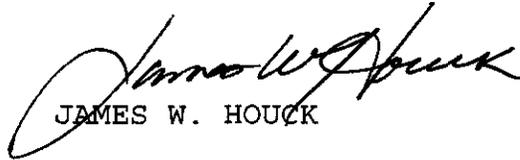
d. PERS-4416B, with support from Commanding Officer, Naval Justice School, is responsible for implementing and monitoring the academic work requirement. This requirement is meant to enhance the academic experience, not detract from the primary purpose of obtaining a degree. In the rare event that a judge advocate feels this requirement will detract from the primary purpose of attaining a degree, or if a judge advocate has other questions concerning fulfillment of the academic work requirement, he or she should seek immediate guidance from PERS-4416B.

8. Utilization Tours. Judge advocates participating in this program must serve one tour in a validated subspecialty billet as soon as possible, but not later than the second tour following graduation. The Judge Advocate General and Navy Personnel Command may approve exceptions.

9. Completion of Postgraduate Education. Upon successful completion of this program, all judge advocates, to include those enrolled at TJAGLCS and the NWC, will submit a hard copy of their transcript to PERS-4416B in order to ensure the correct educational coding and service obligation is documented in their record, and that the transcript is uploaded into their Official Military Personnel File (OMPF). Transcript submissions should be made as soon as practicable after graduation, but no later than 30 June following graduation.

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10. Coordination. The Navy JAG Corps' Postgraduate School Coordinator (Pers-4416B) is the point of contact for all matters related to this program and may be contacted at (901) 874-4082 or DSN: 882-4082.



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