



# U.S. NAVY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS

## IN-SERVICE PROCUREMENT PROGRAM (IPP)

For the most up to date information, visit the Navy JAGC IPP website here:

[http://www.jag.navy.mil/careers/careers/opportunities\\_ipp.html](http://www.jag.navy.mil/careers/careers/opportunities_ipp.html).

The website contains links to the NAVADMIN, Program Authorization, Application Instructions and Checklist, Application Form, an FAQ, and instructions for scheduling structured interviews.

### HOW IT WORKS

- The Judge Advocate General's Corps In-service Procurement Program (IPP) provides active-duty, enlisted Sailors a pathway to commission as a JAG Corps officer. Some JAG Corps IPP selectees may have the opportunity to train to complete a Juris Doctor (JD). Applicants may apply as either a Direct Commission Applicant or a Funded Legal Education Training Applicant.
  - DIRECT COMMISSIONING APPLICANTS
    - Selectees will commission directly as a LTJG and proceed to Officer Development School as soon as possible.
  - FUNDED LEGAL EDUCATION TRAINING APPLICANTS
    - Selectees will remain on active-duty, with pay and benefits, while attending law school and completing the bar examination. Once the selectee has passed the bar exam, they will be commissioned as a LTJG in the JAG Corps. Obligated service is two full years for each year or part thereof in the program, in addition to any other obligation, which the individual has incurred.

## ELIGIBILITY

- To be eligible for appointment in the Navy JAG Corps IPP as a Direct Commission Applicant OR a Funded Legal Education Training Applicant, you must:
  - be a United States citizen;
  - be at least 21 years old and be able to complete 20 years of active-duty commissioned service prior to your 62nd birthday;
  - be an active-duty enlisted sailor, or Navy Full-Time Support, and be in paygrade E-5, E-6, or E-7;
  - be of good moral character and have no record of disciplinary action under the UCMJ, Article 15, no court-martial convictions, no civilian felony convictions, and no convictions by any civil court for misdemeanors (except minor (\$300 or less fine) traffic violations) within three years preceding 1 October of the fiscal year in which the selection board is held;
  - hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution;
  - meet the physical requirements for commission in the Navy;
  - have taken the LSAT.
- Additional requirements for **Direct Commission Applicants**:
  - Must have served on active duty for not less than 2 years, and not more than 10 years, at the time of commissioning;
  - Graduate of a law school fully accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA); and
  - Admitted to practice before a Federal Court, the highest court of a State, Territory or Commonwealth or the District of Columbia.
- Additional requirements for **Funded Legal Education Training Applicants**:
  - Must have served on active duty for not less than 4 years, and not more than 8 years, at the time legal training begins (i.e., by the time you PCS to begin law school, you must have at least 4 years and no more than 8 years of active duty); and
  - Must apply to an ABA-accredited law school.
- **NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED FOR THE ABOVE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**

## COMMISSIONING AND TRAINING PIPELINE

- Personnel in the Funded Legal Education Training IPP will attend and graduate from law school while on active duty. After successfully passing the bar exam (in the state or U.S. territory of your choosing), you will be commissioned as a LTJG and proceed to Officer Development School (ODS).
- Personnel in the Direct Commission IPP will commission directly as a LTJG and proceed to ODS as soon as possible.

## FIRST TOUR JUDGE ADVOCATE PROGRAM

- Upon reporting to your first duty station you will be a First Tour Judge Advocate (FTJA). As an FTJA, you will rotate through the three core Navy JAG Corps practice areas. An FTJA will spend their first 12 months as a judge advocate split equally between Command Services and Legal Assistance. The second 12 months will be spent honing litigation skills in a military justice rotation as either a defense or prosecution attorney. The FTJA curriculum is intended to cement core competencies through a combination of supervised practice, independent research, cooperative learning, observation, and demonstration of skills.

## SECOND TOUR & BEYOND

- JAG Corps officers can choose diverse career experiences in multiple practice areas or seek a professional specialty such as military justice litigation, environmental law, or international law. There are also opportunities to serve overseas and to deploy at sea as the senior legal advisor to commands of our numbered fleets, Carrier Strike Groups, Expeditionary Strike Groups, and aircraft carriers.
- Wherever assigned, Navy JAG Corps officers perform legal or administrative duties as legal counsel. You might find yourself in a combat zone or on a combatant ship. Although your primary duties will be legal in nature, Navy JAG Corps officers are integral members of the team. Afloat, they participate in the ship's damage control organization and have the opportunity to assist in ship control functions with all members of ships' crew. Ashore, they may serve as a naval station CDO. Senior Navy judge advocates (lieutenant commanders, commanders, and captains) are frequently involved in mission planning and execution, enabling senior Navy commanders to conduct military operations in accordance with law and policy.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Generally, the application process involves the following steps:
  - Complete a structured interview. This requirement is separate from and in addition to the required command interview. Information for scheduling a Navy JAG Corps interview is available on our career website. Your interview must be completed before the application deadline, and you are responsible for contacting the appropriate office to schedule your interview. Your application will not be considered without a completed interview.
  - Complete a command interview. Your command is responsible for setting up this interview.
  - All applicants must obtain a conditional release from their enlisted community manager (ECM). To obtain a conditional release, an applicant must submit an Enlisted Personnel Action Request (NAVPERS 1306/7) to their ECM or detailer as appropriate. The selection board will only consider enlisted candidates who have a conditional release included in their program application.
  - Submit a completed application by the deadline announced in the applicable NAVADMIN. LSAT Score Reports may be submitted via separate correspondence after the deadline, but must be received prior to the convening of the selection board.
- Funded Legal Education Training Applicants must provide a prioritized list of ABA-accredited law schools to which the applicant applied. Applicants must apply to at least one law school at which in-state tuition can be obtained, one law school in a Fleet Concentration area, and one school near the Sailor's current duty station.

**If you have additional questions after reviewing this information and our website, please contact us at [navyaccessions@navy.mil](mailto:navyaccessions@navy.mil).**