The Operational Law subspecialty (1203) will provide a command with an officer who understands the fundamental concepts, and is familiar with, the basic functional areas of Operational and International Law within the Department of the Navy (DON) and the Department of Defense (DOD). Specific capabilities and requirements include the following:

- Law of the Sea
- International Agreements
- Law of Armed Conflict
- Comparative Law

An officer with further specialization in national security/intelligence law must understand and be familiar with the following areas:

- Cyberspace Law
- Information Operations
- Intelligence Law

Billet subspecialty coding is to be based on the minimum education/training/experience level required for optimum performance. Operational Law (1203) subspecialty coding is justified when, in addition to the general criteria stated in NAVPERS 15839 series (Manual of Navy Officer Manpower and Personnel Classification) Part B, the following specific criteria are satisfied:

1. **Subspecialty Coding Restrictions:** Judge Advocate General's Corps Officer Community

2. **Applicable Officer Designator:** 2500

3. **Applicable Billet Designator:** 2500

4. **Significant Experience Criteria:**

   a. Operational Law (1203) S-coded billets are not justified.
b. Operational Law (1203) S-coded officers are authorized when the following conditions are met:

(1) An officer has acquired significant quantitative and qualitative operational law experience and demonstrated proficiency in concepts of maritime law, international law/agreements and law of armed conflict; and

(2) The officer has filled a P coded billet for more than 18 months and has no subspecialty code in this field; or

(3) FITREP reflects the officer has accomplished the task(s) indicated above for more than 18 months.

c. Operational Law (1203) R-coded billets are not justified.

d. Operational Law (1203) R-coded officers are not authorized.

5. Baccalaureate Criteria:

a. Operational Law (1203) E-coded billets are not justified.

b. Operational Law (1203) E-coded officers are not authorized.

6. Elective Level Criteria:

a. Operational Law (1203) H-coded billets are not justified.

b. Operational Law (1203) H-coded officers are not authorized.

7. Functional Education Criteria:

a. Operational Law (1203) F-coded billets are not justified.

b. Operational Law (1203) F-coded officers are not authorized.

c. Operational Law (1203) G-coded billets are not justified.

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d. Operational Law (1203) G-coded officers are not authorized.

8. Masters Criteria:

a. Operational Law (1203) P-coded billets are justified when the billet requires significant quantitative and qualitative operational and international law experience.

b. Operational Law (1203) P-coded officers are authorized when:

(1) The officer completes the Operational Law 987/883 Curriculum ESR.

(2) Full subspecialty will not be given if academic writing requirement is not completed. The officer will receive the T Subspecialty Code. Utilization and obligations are still required. (Note: When academic writing requirement has been completed, student must apply to NPS registrar for new transcript which should be forwarded to PERS-43 to update Officer Master File.)

c. Operational Law (1203) Q-coded billets are not justified.

d. Operational Law (1203) Q-coded officers are authorized when all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The officer satisfies all requirements for a 1203 P-code; and

(2) The officer has completed an assignment of at least 18 months in at least one Operational Law (1203) P-coded billet.

9. Post-Master’s Criteria:

a. Operational Law (1203) N-coded billets are not justified.

b. Operational Law (1203) N-coded officers are not authorized.

c. Operational Law (1203) M-coded billets are not justified.
d. Operational Law (1203) M-coded officers are not authorized.

10. Doctorate Criteria:

   a. Operational Law (1203) D-coded billets are not justified.

   b. Operational Law (1203) D-coded officers are not authorized.

   c. Operational Law (1203) C-coded billets are not justified.

   d. Operational Law (1203) C-coded officers are not authorized.

11. Community Managers and the Budget Submitting Office have agreed to allow billets to be coded for Operational Law (1203) and officers to be educated for this curriculum.

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