Program Authorization: Direct appointment as Lieutenant Junior Grade or Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General’s (JAG) Corps, Designator 2500. Program Manager is Commander, Navy Recruiting Command (CNRC). JAG Corps Officer Community Manager (OCM) is BUPERS 316 (active) and BUPERS 318 (reserve).

1. Program Authority: Title 10, United States Code 531, 532, 533 and 5582.


3. Quota: As prescribed by the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education) in the annual accession plan.

4. Qualifications:
   a. Citizenship: Applicant must be a United States citizen. This requirement cannot be waived.
   b. Gender: No restrictions.
   c. Age Requirements: Must be at least 21 years old and able to complete 20 years of commissioned service by their 62nd birthday.
   d. Education: Earned Juris Doctorate (JD) from an American Bar Association-approved (ABA-approved) law school.
   e. Physical: In accordance with the Manual of the Medical Department, Chapter 15. Selectee must maintain eligibility for worldwide assignment.
   f. Duty Preference: Not applicable.
   g. Marital Status: No restrictions.
   h. Program Specific Requirements: Member (in good standing) of the Bar of a Federal court or of the highest court of any state, territory, or commonwealth or the District of Columbia.

5. Accession Source:
   a. Civilians.
   b. Navy officer and enlisted personnel of the Active and Reserve components with an approved conditional resignation/release.
   c. Officer and enlisted personnel of the Active and Reserve components of other armed services with an approved conditional resignation/release.

6. Enlistment: Not applicable.
7. Appointment: Selectee with no prior commissioned service will be credited with three years and appointed as a Lieutenant Junior Grade based on entry-grade credit. Selectee with prior commissioned service may be credited with up to one additional year and may be appointed as a Lieutenant based on entry-grade credit. Entry-grade credit is awarded in accordance with OPNAVINST 1120.11 series.

8. Indocdrination: Newly-appointed officer will receive military orientation training at Officer Development School (ODS), Newport, RI and Basic Lawyer Training at the Naval Justice School, Newport, RI prior to reporting to first active duty assignment.

9. Service Obligation: Officer will incur four years of active duty obligation commencing from completion of ODS and Naval Justice School training.

10. Pay and Allowances: Upon commencing applicable training on active duty, officer will receive pay and benefits based on paygrade outlined in paragraph 7.

Approved: 

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