Program Authorization: Judge Advocate General’s (JAG) Corps, Designator 2505, Reserve Component Direct Commissioning Program. JAG Corps direct commission option provides an opportunity for exceptional and qualified prior enlisted personnel the ability to apply for a commission as a Navy Reserve JAG Corps Officer. BUPERS-318 is the Reserve JAG Corps Community Manager. Program Manager is Office of the Judge Advocate General (OJAG) Code 62.

1. **Program Authority:** Title 10, United States Code 12201 to 12209.

2. **Cancellation:** This is a new Program Authorization (PA) and should be read in its entirety. There is no previous PA to cancel.

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: Applicants must be United States citizens. This requirement cannot be waived.
   b. Gender: No restrictions.
   c. Age: Applicants must be at least 21 and less than 42 years old at time of commissioning. Waiver will be considered for prior qualifying enlisted service, year-for-year credit up to age 52.
   d. Education: Earned Juris Doctor (JD) or Bachelor of Law degree from a Law School accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA).
   e. Physical: Applicants must meet all physical requirements prescribed in Chapter 15 of NAVMED P-177, Manual of the Medical Department, at the time of commissioning.
   f. Duty Preference: Not applicable.
   g. Marital Status: No restrictions.
   h. Program Specific Requirements:

   (1) Be a member in good standing of the bar of a federal court or the highest court of a state, U.S. territory, District of Columbia, or Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

   (2) Military Experience. Applicants must validate military work experience with submissions from the applicant’s service record, including the most recent observed performance evaluations (no less than 3 and no more than 7 years), all positions held, and military training and education completed. Relevant legal work experience is preferred. Applicants must have 1 year cumulative active duty experience, which may include any
combination of Annual Training and Active-Duty for Training. Provide documentation concerning any previous discharge from military service (DD214).

5. **Accession Source:** Enlisted personnel in the reserve component of any service of the armed forces provided an appropriate conditional release is authorized.

6. **Indoctrination:** Once commissioned, new Direct Commission Officers (DCOs) must complete the two-week Direct Commission Officers Indoctrination Course (DCOIC) held at Newport, RI within 1 year of commissioning. DCOs must also complete the Basic Lawyer Course within 2 years of commissioning.

7. **Enlistment:** Not applicable.

8. **Appointment:** Candidates will be credited with three years entry grade credit for Juris Doctor, and appointed as Lieutenant junior grade (LTJG), United States Navy, Reserve Component, designator 2505. Qualified expert candidates in an area of law that is deemed a critical need by the Deputy JAG of the Navy (Reserve Affairs) may be credited with up to one additional year and may be appointed as Lieutenant (LT) based on entry grade credit.

9. **Service Obligation:**

   a. Eight years Ready Reserve obligation. The initial four years must be completed as a Selected Reservist (SELRES). The obligation commences upon commissioning.

   b. Must maintain eligibility for worldwide assignment.

10. **Pay and Allowances:** Per current military pay tables.

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