U.S. AIR FORCE JAG CORPS
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Job Announcements:

February Selection Board: Direct Appointment Program, Graduate Law Program, and One-Year College Program (1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, Recent Graduates, Licensed Attorneys)

Applications are for commissioning into the active duty Air Force. Separate announcements attached.

10 Jan 2025: Deadline to apply online via https://jagusaf.jag.af.mil (QR code below)

1 Feb 2025: DAP SJA interviews due; ROTC JAG panel interviews due

2025 1L Summer Externship

15-31 Jan 2025: Applications due no later than 11:59 p.m. PST on 31 Jan at https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/qEAhUX7NfT

All other Spring/Summer 2025 externship and internship applications have closed, and we are finalizing summer placement decisions. Fall 2025 externship opportunities, available for 2Ls and 3Ls, will be announced in our spring

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Special Emphasis: Licensed Attorneys

The Air Force is actively seeking recent graduates and licensed attorneys who wish to make a career change and commission into the JAG Corps. Apply for the Direct Appointment Program selection board for February **NOW THROUGH 10 JAN 2025.**

Age Limit Increase: 42

As of 25 Oct 2023, the Department of the Air Force increased the age limit for new enlisted and officer recruits to 42. This update brings the Air Force and Space Force in line with the age limitation for all other services.

Who Is My Recruiter?

Air Force Instruction 51-101 prescribes that each semester our Air Force and Space Force base legal offices make every effort to visit all 197 ABA-approved law schools and 145 Air Force ROTC Detachments across all 50 states and Puerto Rico. Visits may include tabling with materials about the JAG Corps, on-campus informational interviews, briefings, panels, and more. Each base legal office is assigned an area of responsibility based on geographical distance. The Chief of Recruiting can be an enduring point of contact but may also facilitate connections between your school and the base legal office assigned to your area.





Above: Capt Ivan Fontalvo (Victims' Counsel, Tinker AFB, OK) and Capt Andrew Loynaz (Aviation & Admiralty Torts Attorney, Andrews AFB, MD) attended the 2024 Hispanic National Bar Association in Maryland.



Above: Capt Javier Ortiz (502 ISG/JA, Lackland AFB, TX) spoke to students at South Texas College of Law about the Air Force JAG Corps.

Left: Capt McKinley Francis-Anderson (Area Defense Counsel, Beale AFB, CA) and Capt Stefano Grey (2 BW/JA, Barksdale AFB, LA) represented the JAG Corps at the LGBTQ+ Bar Association's Lavender Law Conference in Washington, DC.

Below: JAGs from F.E. Warren AFB and Buckley SFB visited the ROTC Detachment at Colorado State University.



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ELIGIBILITY

- U.S. Citizen (birth or naturalization)
- Able to commission before age 42
- Enrolled in or graduated from an ABA-approved law school
  - Attorneys: Licensed in good standing with the highest court of any U.S. state or federal territory
  - Law school graduates: Pending bar exam/ licensure
  - Law students: Completed 2/3 of Juris Doctor credit hours
- Meet medical/physical fitness standards

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Federal prosecution under Uniform Code of Military Justice (Title 10, U.S.C.) and in federal magistrate court
- Defend accused or represent victims in military justice proceedings
- Advise commanders on administrative procedures, ethics, and more
- Provide legal assistance to military members, retirees, and their families

BENEFITS

- Commission as O-2 (First Lieutenant); eligible for O-3 (Captain) promotion in 6 months
- Comprehensive medical/dental care
- Tax-free food and housing allowances
- 30 days paid leave
- 6 weeks post-birth convalescent leave plus 12 weeks parental leave
- Up to $65,000 student loan repayment
- Up to $60,000 JAG continuation pay
- Bar dues reimbursement
- JD spouse employment program
- SCRA: Non-lawyer spouse licensure portability in certain circumstances

Apply for the

Direct Appointment Program

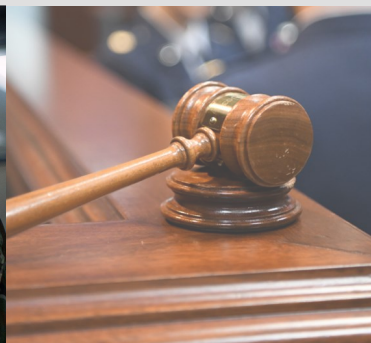
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for the February Direct Appointment Program selection board using the QR code below:









AIR FORCE JAG CORPS: February 2025 Graduate Law Program (GLP) (1Ls) and One-Year College Program (OYCP) (2Ls)

Attention: Law Students (1Ls and 2Ls)

Apply online at https://jagusaf.jag.af.mil/ (via QR code)

Deadlines:

- January 10, 2025: Interview with AFROTC Detachment Commander (recommend completing in December)
- January 10, 2025: Complete and submit the online application
- February 1, 2025: Complete Judge Advocate panel interview (coordinated after application submission)

Eligibility:

1. Attending an ABA-approved law school at an institution that either offers an AFROTC program or allows AFROTC courses at a nearby school via a cross-town agreement
2. Meet HQ AFROTC entry standards
    - Must interview with the AFROTC Detachment Commander before applying to the JAG Corps (the earlier the better!)
3. Be a citizen of the United States of America (birth or naturalization)
4. Be able to commission as an officer before the age of 42

Selection Criteria:

- The Air Force JAG Corps selects applicants based on the "whole person" concept.
- Selection factors include: Academic performance; work experience; leadership traits; extracurricular activities; personal integrity; awards and honors; adaptability and flexibility; motivation for service; legal writing/analytical skills; fitness; and military records (if applicable)

*Appointment as a judge advocate is contingent upon providing proof of legal licensing and completion of the Air Force medical requirements (after selection)

AIR FORCE JAG CORPS
2025 SUMMER 1L EXTERNSHIP

The Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps is seeking applications for our unpaid 2025 Summer 1L Externship Program. As an extern, you will gain hands-on legal experience in diverse legal practice areas while learning more about the Air Force JAG Corps.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

Externs work under attorney supervision at Air Force and Space Force locations throughout the United States in support of numerous practice areas including military justice (criminal law), legal assistance, civil and administrative law, labor and employment law, international and operational law, space and cyber law, contract and fiscal law, medical law, claims and tort litigation, and environmental law. At the conclusion of the program, externs receive an evaluation from their Staff Judge Advocate that may be included in Air Force JAG Corps Entry Program applications, such as the Direct Appointment Program.

An extern's duties vary based on location but typically include researching legal issues, writing legal briefs and opinions, assisting with investigations, interviewing witnesses, and performing other tasks as required. Externships are unpaid, but externs may earn academic credit in accordance with their law school externship policies and may be eligible for Federal Work Study through their law school. The Air Force does not pay for housing or travel expenses. Externs must be able to secure their own housing and pay for travel to and from the externship location.

REQUIREMENTS

- United States citizen (birth or naturalization)
- Enrolled in an ABA-approved law school
- Able to obtain law school permission for externship (credit is authorized)
- Available to work full time (up to 40 hours) per week for 14-16 weeks
- Able to obtain a Enterprise Alternate Token System (NEATS) Token through a Tier-1 background investigation

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applicants may apply via our online Summer 2025 Externship Program (1L) Application Worksheet at https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/qEAhUX7NfT from 15-31 January 2025.

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