



OCC - LAW PATHWAY

Step 1: LAW SCHOOL & LICENSING

Selection into the OCC-Law program enables participants to fulfill their OCS (Officer Candidates School) training requirements any time after they have graduated from an ABA-accredited law school and obtained a license to practice law.



Step 2: LSAT REQUIREMENT

Regardless of licensing status, to satisfy the program's requirements you must have scored a 150 or higher on the LSAT.

Step 3: OFFICER CANDIDATES SCHOOL

Participants in the program must complete the 10-week course at OCS in Quantico, VA. OCS is the physical and mental proving ground for those who seek to lead Marines. While training at OCS, candidates will be paid.

Step 4: THE BASIC SCHOOL

After completing OCS, you will report to The Basic School as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. For six intense months, new officers will learn how to become leaders of Marines. Lieutenants will be challenged by both academic work and intense field exercises.

Step 5: NAVAL JUSTICE SCHOOL

After completion of TBS, you will attend the Naval Justice School (NJS) in Newport, RI. This is where you will learn the fundamentals of military law, including the Uniform Code of Military Justice, criminal law and procedure, operational law, trial advocacy and administrative law. Throughout your career as a judge advocate, you will be encouraged to advance your education by attending professional courses at NJS and other service legal centers and schools. You may also have the opportunity to obtain a Master of Laws (LLM) degree—paid for by the government—at a civilian university or through The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in Charlottesville, VA.



Step 6: FIRST DUTY STATION

Judge advocates will be assigned to positions in the areas of military law, legal assistance and/or operational law, depending on the needs of the Marine Corps. Possible first duty stations include:

WEST COAST

- Camp Pendleton, CA
- Miramar, CA
- San Diego, CA
- 29 Palms, CA
- Yuma, AZ
- Kaneohe Bay, HI

EAST COAST

- Cherry Point, NC
- Camp Lejeune, NC
- Beaufort, SC
- Parris Island, SC
- Albany, GA

OVERSEAS

- Iwakuni, Japan
- Okinawa, Japan

