



PLC - LAW 3L PATHWAY

To be eligible for the PLC-Law 3L program, an applicant must be in his or her third year at an ABA-accredited law school and be scheduled to take the first available bar examination following graduation in any state or the District of Columbia. To satisfy the program's requirements, participants must score a 150 or higher on the LSAT.

Step 1: OFFICER CANDIDATES SCHOOL (OCS)

Participants in the program fulfill their OCS training requirement by successfully completing a 10-week course at OCS in Quantico, VA, following completion of the bar examination, but prior to receiving their license to practice law. Once candidates complete OCS, they are placed on inactive duty in the Marine Corps Reserve, pending receipt of their law license. Candidates have 60 days from the date of graduation from OCS in which to obtain their law license.



Step 2: THE BASIC SCHOOL

Upon receipt of their law license, participants will be sworn in as Second Lieutenants in the United States Marine Corps and will receive orders to The Basic School (TBS). For six intense months, new officers will learn how to become a leader of Marines. Lieutenants will be challenged by both academic work and intense field exercises.

Step 3: 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 4: 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

