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Congratulations! I am happy to inform you that you have been professionally recommended as a **primary select** for the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps Student Program.

Primary selects are offered a commission in the JAG Corps following successful completion of the U.S. Navy commissioning screening process conducted by Navy Recruiting Command. This process involves a medical screening and a security clearance background check that generally takes three to six months to complete (but may take longer for those requiring medical waivers). Once you complete the screening process, you will commission as an Ensign (O-1) in the Individual Ready Reserve (in a non-paid and non-drilling status) until you are ready to begin active duty as a Judge Advocate.

After graduating from law school and passing the bar exam, you will begin active duty as a Lieutenant Junior Grade (O-2) at the five-week Officer Development School (ODS) in Newport, Rhode Island. New Judge Advocates attend ODS in October or January following the receipt of passing bar results. Upon completion of ODS, new Judge Advocates report to their permanent duty station for approximately two months before returning to Newport for the ten-week Basic Lawyers Course (BLC) at the Naval Justice School. Upon completion of the BLC, new Judge Advocates return to their permanent duty station for a two to three year assignment. New judge Advocates typically find out the location of their first permanent duty station three to six months prior to ODS.

If you accept your professional recommendation, you will be assigned an Officer Recruiter who will work with you throughout the commissioning screening process. Once assigned, your Recruiter will reach out to you. While waiting for an assigned recruiter, you can help expedite your commissioning process by collecting your social security card, birth certificate, and copies of all your medical records. Accepting your professional recommendation does not result in a service obligation. Once commissioned, new Judge Advocates have a four-year active duty service obligation that begins following graduation from the BLC.

The above information, and much more, will be covered in greater detail in an information session held over Zoom on December 3, 2021 at 3:00 PM EST. A panel of Judge Advocates will provide detailed information on the commissioning process, training pipeline, pay and benefits, and potential duty stations. We will also set aside time specifically to answer any questions. The Zoom meeting information will be provided separately.

In addition, the JAG Corps will pair all selects with an active duty Judge Advocate mentor in the next few weeks. The mentor's role is to welcome you to the JAG Corps community, be a resource, and provide insight on career opportunities. If you would like to talk to a mentor prior

to making your decision to accept your professional recommendation, please reach out to the Accession Program Manager, LCDR [REDACTED] (contact information below).

To accept your professional recommendation, you must notify us by close of business on December 10, 2021. Please email your intention to accept or decline to the JAG Corps Accession Program Manager, LCDR [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]@us.navy.mil and copy [NavyJAGAccessions@us.navy.mil](mailto:NavyJAGAccessions@us.navy.mil). If you have any questions please reach out to LCDR [REDACTED] by email or phone at 202-685-8527.

Congratulations again on your professional recommendation! I look forward to you joining our team!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Captain, JAG Corps, U.S. Navy  
Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General  
(Military Personnel)