**Coast Guard Legal Internships**

The following internships and externships are available. Please contact the specific legal office where you are interested in applying to be an intern or extern. Interns/Externs will be involved with substantive legal work and will be supervised by a practicing attorney. Each legal office varies in their legal practice; therefore please review the job descriptions for each legal office.

**WASHINGTON, DC**

**Positions Available:**
Summer Interns (Mostly unpaid or for Academic Credit)

**To Apply:** Applications accepted for summer Interns: Accepting Applications now. For Fall Semester, applications accepted in May/June.

Application Includes: Resume and Cover Letter expressing particular type of position desired and the first and second choice of legal subject matter in which the applicant would like to work. State whether willing to accept unpaid position.

Email to: CoastGuardDCL@uscg.mil.

**Job Description:** Positions available in following offices described in detail below: Maritime and International; Environmental; Claims and Litigation; Regulations and Administrative; Procurement; Appellate Defense; General (Organizational); Legislation; Military Justice; Member/Trial Advocacy.

**BOSTON, MA**

**Positions Available:**
Unpaid or for Credit Summer
Unpaid or for Credit per Semester

**To Apply:** Numbers accepted each semester are based upon available work space for interns. Application Includes: Resume and Cover Letter to LT Jon LaVallee: Jon.D.Lavallee@uscg.mil.

**Job Description:** Experience in all practice areas for Coast Guard.

**NEW LONDON, CT**

**Positions Available:**
Unpaid or for Credit Summer
Unpaid or for Credit per Semester

**To Apply:** Numbers accepted each semester are based upon available work space for interns. Submit Resume, cover letter and writing sample to LT Abigail Lafond: Abigail.S.Lafond@uscg.mil.

**Job Description:** Military Justice/Criminal Law, Ethics, Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act, Contract Law, Legal Assistance, Employment Law, Civil Claims and Litigation, Environmental Law, and/or Real Property Law.

**MIAMI, FL**

**Positions Available:**
Unpaid or for Credit Summer
Unpaid or for Credit per Semester

**To Apply:** Numbers accepted each semester are based upon available work space for interns. Submit Cover Letter, Resume, Law School Transcript, and Writing Sample to LCDR Francis Johnson-Gillion: Frances.Johnson-Gillion@uscg.mil.

**Job Description:** Experience in Operations Law, Freedom of Information Act, Regulatory and Administrative Law, Military Justice, and Ethics.

**NEW ORLEANS, LA**

**Positions Available:**
Unpaid or for Credit Summer
Unpaid or for Credit per Semester

**To Apply:** Numbers accepted each semester are based upon available work space for interns. Submit Resume and Cover Letter to LT Anthony DeStefano: Anthony.M.DeStefano@uscg.mil.

**Job Description:** Experience in all Coast Guard practice areas.

**CLEVELAND, OH**

**Positions Available:**
Unpaid or for Credit Summer
Unpaid or for Credit per Semester

**To Apply:** Numbers accepted each semester are based upon available work space for interns. Submit Resume and Cover Letter to: LT Michael Walker: Michael.O.Walker@uscg.mil or call (216) 902-6012.

**Job Description:** Experience in all practice areas for Coast Guard.
Positions Available:
Unpaid or for Credit Summer
Unpaid or for Credit per Semester
To Apply: Numbers accepted each semester are based upon available work space for interns. Submit Cover Letter, Resume, Writing Sample and Transcripts to LT Edward Quinn: Edward.J.Quinn@uscg.mil.

NORFOLK/YORKTOWN, VA

Positions Available:
Unpaid or for Credit Summer
Unpaid or for Credit per Semester
To Apply: Numbers accepted each semester are based upon available work space for interns. Submit Resume, cover letter and writing sample to: LT Thadeus Pope or LT Caroline Dalla Betta: Thadeus.J.Pope@uscg.mil; Caroline.E.DallaBetta@uscg.mil.
Job Description: Military Justice/Criminal Law, Ethics, Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act, Contract Law, Legal Assistance, Civil Claims and Litigation, Environmental Law, and/or Real Property Law.

HONOLULU, HI

Positions Available:
Unpaid or for Credit Summer
Unpaid or for Credit per Semester
To Apply: Numbers accepted each semester are based upon available work space for interns. Submit Resume, cover letter and writing sample to: LT Amy Sung: Amy.K.Sung@uscg.mil.
Job Description: Military Justice/Criminal Law, Ethics, Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act, Contract Law, Legal Assistance, Employment Law, Civil Claims and Litigation, Environmental Law, and/or Real Property Law.

SEATTLE, WA

Positions Available:
Unpaid or for Credit Summer
Unpaid or for Credit per Semester
To Apply: Numbers accepted each semester are based upon available work space for interns. Submit Resume, cover letter and writing sample to LT Jonathan Perry: Jonathan.C.Perry@uscg.mil.
Job Description: Military Justice/Criminal Law, Ethics, Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act, Contract Law, Legal Assistance, Employment Law, Civil Claims and Litigation, Environmental Law, and/or Real Property Law.

JUNEAU, AK

Positions Available:
Unpaid or for Credit Summer
Unpaid or for Credit per Semester
To Apply: Numbers accepted each semester are based upon available work space for interns. Submit Resume, cover letter and writing sample to LCDR William George: William.J.George@uscg.mil.
Job Description: Military Justice/Criminal Law, Ethics, Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act, Contract Law, Legal Assistance, Employment Law, Civil Claims and Litigation, Environmental Law, and/or Real Property Law.
Areas of Law Practiced By Coast Guard

Maritime and International Law

**Operational Law:** The Operations Law Group (OLG) is a branch of the U.S. Coast Guard's Maritime and International Law Division (CG-0941) within the Office of the Judge Advocate General. OLG provides legal counsel to nationally-significant programs in the Office of Law Enforcement, Office of Counterterrorism and Defense Operations, Office of Search and Rescue and International Affairs and Foreign Policy. Duty attorneys respond to emergent legal issues in counter drug operations, migrant smuggling, search and rescue, and participate in multilateral venues and the interagency on a daily basis.

**Prevention Law:** The Prevention Law Group (PLG) is a branch of the U.S. Coast Guard's Maritime and International Law Division (CG-0941) within the office of the Judge Advocate General. PLG provides legal counsel, advice, opinions, interpretations, and enforcement guidance to Coast Guard officials, program directors and program managers on operational areas of (1) Vessel inspection and commercial vessel safety; (2) Merchant vessel personnel; (3) Marine environmental protection; (4) Port safety including: Captain of the Port functions; (5) Investigations of marine casualties and violations of law; and, (6) Maritime security.

Criminal Law/Military Justice

As an armed force, the Coast Guard is subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Military Judge advocates serve as defense counsel and prosecutors for military courts-martial and as military judges at the trial and appellate level. Judge advocates assigned as appellate counsel (both for the government and defense) brief and argue cases before the Coast Guard Court of Criminal Appeals, the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Claims & Litigation

The Coast Guard actively manages an extensive claims program under several federal statutes. These involve adjudicating claims against the agency, asserting claims for the government and collecting penalties assessed for violations of federal law, for damage to Coast Guard property, and for cleanup & recovery costs.

Internal Organizational Law (General Law)

Coast Guard attorneys provide legal advice on issues including federal fiscal law, gift acceptance and standards of ethical conduct for government employees, management, military and civilian personnel law, civil rights, health care, privacy and the release of information.

Contract Law

Coast Guard attorneys provide federal procurement law advice to management, technical, and contracting officials at all levels of the Coast Guard. This ranges from daily advice to field level contracting officers to serving as counsel for major construction, acquisition, and procurements.

Environmental Law

Legal services are provided in support compliance with federal, state and local environmental requirements and for the acquisition and disposal of real property. We represent the Coast Guard, either directly or through the Department of Justice (DOJ), in environmental enforcement actions against the Coast Guard, environmental citizen suits, and challenges to Coast Guard activities brought under environmental statutes.

Regulations and Administrative Law

Coast Guard attorneys develop complex rules that regulate the maritime industry and enable Coast Guard missions; Coast Guard notice and comment rulemaking is unique among the armed services.

Want More Information About Our Full Time Positions?

To find out how to become a Coast Guard Judge Advocate through the Direct Commission Lawyer (DCL) program, go to www.gocoastguard.com for application information and http://www.uscg.mil/legal/recruit/DCL_FAQ.asp for legal program specific information. You can also dial 1-877-NOW-USCG for a local Coast Guard Recruiter.

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