Quick Tips from CP&P: Applying to Army JAG

Army JAG Recruiting Information for 2012

- November 1, 2012 deadline is the only opportunity in 2012 for 3Ls to apply.
- Fall 2012 is the next opportunity to apply. Spring accession board has been temporarily suspended (No Spring Recruiting). Alums should also apply at this time.
- Anticipate hiring 90-120 new Judge Advocates from a pool of approximately 1,000 applicants.
- Follow all instructions to the letter.
- The photo is important and should be treated seriously (do not crop personal photo).
- References should be a mixture: professor, supervisor, volunteer opportunities.
- 2-part process (both parts must be complete by November 1).
  - 1: Online application (will be available in August, but last year’s is up now if students want to start thinking about it – this year’s will be substantially similar).
    - Personal statement is very important.
    - Use this to set yourself apart from the other 1,000 opportunities.
    - Do not be generic or vanilla, sell yourself.
    - Opportunity to explain any “negatives” in your application, like tough time in one class or a youthful drinking citation.
  - 2: Interview on campus with Field Screening Officer (FSO)
    - This interview results in a report to the hiring board.
- Look at the whole person: it’s not one thing, it’s the totality of what you have achieved and what you do and participate in.
- Your application status will be pending while the board of 5 Judge Advocates meets to review and score each file.
- Results are posted online after January 1. You will receive a conditional offer at this time.
- 12-18 month window from time of offer to begin active duty. Before you can begin active duty you must:
  - Pass the bar
  - Pass medical exams (by the Army doctors)
  - Pass the Security Clearance
  - You will not be paid during this time – you can work in the meantime somewhere else.
- Officer Basic – 12 weeks of legal training; 6 weeks of DCC (physical fitness is a job requirement).

2L Summer Internship/Externship Applicants 2012

- Summer interns – paid, 8 week positions.
- Same deadline (Nov. 1) and process (online app/FSO interview); no 1L positions available.
- Interns are also selected on the whole person concept (leadership, character, ethics, service, diversity in the broadest sense).
- Internships are also very competitive (10%).
- Being an intern can improve your chances significantly of a permanent placement.
- Summer/Spring/Fall externs – an unpaid program. If for credit, it is through the central office. If it is not, it would be done with an individual office. Done on an individual basis.

Website is an important resource: www.jagcnet.army.mil