



DSO – Defense Counsel

Billet: Defense Counsel
Home Training Center: Arlington, VA
Type: IMA
Area of Operations: DCAP (DSO HQ)
Grade: O3-O5

PMOS: 4402
Start Date: Immediately
BIC: MS511500186
Application Deadline: 21 July 2024

Billet Description: Support the active-duty DSO DCAP in its mission to provide supervision, training, and mentoring to active-duty defense counsel. Be available to assist counsel in all regions as needed. Specific tasks may include: In conjunction with the active-duty Regional Defense Counsel, Defense Counsel Assistance Program personnel, and civilian Attorney-Advisors, develop training programs and practical training exercises to maintain and enhance the military justice proficiency of active duty and Reserve judge advocates in the primary region. Attend and provide periods of instruction at annual, quarterly, and/or monthly training of active-duty counsel with the goal of improving their ability to provide competent and zealous trial defense services to Marines and Sailors at courts-martial, boards of inquiry, and administrative separation boards. Serve as non-detailed attorney-advisor to detailed military counsel for judicial and administrative proceedings. Provide on-call legal advice and case consultation to defense counsel in the primary region and other regions as necessary. Perform legal research and other projects as assigned by the active duty RDC, the active-duty CDC, or Reserve CDC, including motions research and drafting, memos of law, and providing input for policy decisions. Serve as detailed defense counsel for Reserve Marines during processing for administrative separation (requires travel). Maintain – at all times – expertise on military justice issues, including new developments in caselaw, military justice legislation, relevant executive orders, and publications by the Joint Service Committee. Perform such additional tasks as directed by CDC or RCDC.

Application Process: To apply for this billet, please forward your Reserve Qualification Summary (RQS) and Professional Summary (ProSum) to JAD_IMA@usmc.mil ONLY. Do not copy anyone on your submission. Do not submit additional documents. Please combine both documents into one PDF.

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