

OFFICER VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR ASSIGNMENT AT
HEADQUARTERS TEXAS AIR NATIONAL GUARD

POSITION: Special Victims' Counsel

Announcement: HQ-16-108

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GRADE: Immediately Promotable O-4/NTE O-5

CLOSING DATE: 15 Oct 2016

LOCATION: Headquarters, TXANG, Camp Mabry, Austin, TX

This is an announcement for an Air National Guard Military Position and not an announcement of full-time employment opportunity. This assignment is for a three-year tour with the possibility of a one-year extension.

APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

Resume

Copies of last 3 OPRs

A Statement of Interest for serving as an SVC

Letter of Recommendation from Wing Commander or immediate supervisor

Certificate of Good Standing from the State Bar of Texas

Forward Applications to: HQ TXANG/DP
2200 W. 35th St., Bldg 9
Austin, TX 78703-1222

PERSONAL INTERVIEW: Applicants must be available for interview. Applicants will be notified by phone/mail of interview time and place. Payment for travel is **NOT AUTHORIZED**. All applicants will be considered for this position without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, political affiliation, kinship, and other non-merit factors.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: To be eligible for appointment, Judge Advocates must be members of the State Bar of Texas and eligible to join the Texas Military Forces, if they are not already members (Texas Government Code, Section 432.005). Any selectee who is not a member of the Air National Guard will have to be approved by the ANG Assistant to USAF TJAG and the USAF TJAG. Applicants must have a SECRET CLEARANCE or an open investigation to apply for this position.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: See attachment.

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POSITION TITLE: Special Victims Counsel	OFFICE SYMBOL: NGTX-CJAV	SUPERVISOR: NGTX-CJA
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Duties and responsibilities:

- Develops and implements policy of SVC program, statutes, executive orders, and DoD, Air Force and Air National Guard directives and instructions.
- Perform duties in support of NGB-SVC program as prescribed by NGB-SVC program.
- Client representation as assigned by NGB-SVC.
- When assigned by NGB-SVC:
 - Serves as special victims counsel for administrative discharge proceedings and state court-martials, non-judicial punishments, discharges, line of duty determinations, medical evaluations, and other victim-based services.
 - Advises clients, represents victims and provides advocacy on legal aspects of military justice & administrative processes.
 - Advocate victim's interests to SJAs or commanders on administrative matters.
 - Informs victim of the civilian investigative or prosecuting process.
 - Provides legal advice and counsel to Air National Guard members who are victims of sexual assault enabling them to determine the degree of their participation in the criminal or administration investigation and/or disposition of the case.
- Communicates to NGB-SVC any anticipated hindrances (e.g., case load, conflict of interests or limitation due to state licensing requirements) in the ability to provide services to clients.
- Trains senior leadership and ANG Wing personnel regarding the role of an SVC and services available, in a manner that is both professional and respectful, and adhering to the highest military decorum.
- Assist NGB SVC in the implementation of the NG SVC program by providing home station support, supplementing the fulltime NGB-SVCs.
- Provides leadership on professional development for other SVCs in the assigned region; and travel in a TDY status if traveling is required to meet client's or local SVC needs.
- Conducts legal training. Briefs members on military justice and other legal issues. Directs and conducts legal training for all judge advocate personnel.
- Additional non-SVC duties as assigned by State HQ ANG SJA to include legal assistance, operational law, deployments etc.
- **ADDITIONAL DUTIES:** as assigned.

Qualifications

- After completing the training and prior to receiving the SVC appointment from NGB-JA, JA candidates must agree to a background screening and certify that they meet Service

requirements for serving as an SVC--including free of sex-based misconduct and allegation, good standing in a State bar, and meeting annual requirement of professional responsibility, etc. Once certified and appointed by NGB-JA, the SVCs will serve in such a capacity either as a primary or collateral duties in response to victim requests.

- SVCs must be certified as trial or defense counsel under Article 27(b), UCMJ.
- SVCs must be appointed and certified as SVC by the ANG Assistant to The Judge Advocate General of the Air Force (or his/her designee)
- Judge advocates must be recommended for the SVC position by their current State HQ ANG SJA. The SJA should consider the unique characteristics necessary to provide victim services when making recommendations to include, but not limited to, court-martial and legal assistance experience, independence, competence, courage, compassion, creativity, personality, and leadership qualities.
- SVCs must successfully complete a specialized JAG Corps SVC course as soon as practicable upon assignment selection and must have completed a child representation-specific course before representing children.