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132. (Update to JPP RFI 26) Services: What happens if a judge advocate is assigned to serve as an SVC and does not want to do the job or isn't a good fit for the position? How often has this happened?

USA	An SVC may be removed from the program by either the SJA or the SVC Program Manager at their discretion. SJAs are best situated to determine suitability of their judge advocates for service as an SVC.
USAF	See JPP RFI 130. AFLOA/CLSV continuously evaluates the performance of all SVCs to ensure that each SVC is suitable for the position. One of the primary purposes for creating the SSVC position was to implement mid-level management and provide greater oversight, support, guidance, and performance feedback for SVCs from more experienced attorneys. If an SVC does not want to continue in the position, is not a good fit for the program, or does not meet the standards of performance and suitability, AFLOA/CLSV works closely with the SVC to try to identify and work through the issues and implement rehabilitative measures, if possible. If it is determined by AFLOA/CLSV through coordination with the Air Force Legal Operations Agency Commander and AF/JAX that an SVC's re-assignment is necessary and appropriate, a recommendation is presented to TJAG for decision. Since the establishment of full-time, dedicated SVCs, there have been only two SVCs who were not a good fit and were re-assigned to other positions before the scheduled end of their SVC tour.
USN	Assignment as a VLC is 100% voluntary. The first question asked during the initial VLC interview with the Chief of Staff is, why do you want to be a VLC? If a nominee expressed the slightest hesitation in being assigned to the program, he or she would not be advanced to the next interview. Since the inception of the VLC Program in August 2013, only one VLC was found not to be a good fit for the program. That officer was reassigned and departed the program after one year.
USMC	To determine which nominees object to being a VLC or do not have the necessary temperament to effectively serve victims of sexual assault, the OIC or Deputy OIC interviews each nominee and speaks to other judge advocates who can describe the nominee's temperament. The Marine Corps is only aware of one officer who objected to assignment as a VLC. The objection was based upon previous service as a VLC and a desire to serve in another capacity. Ultimately, this judge advocate was not assigned as a VLC for a second time.
USCG	Although it has never happened in the Coast Guard, if a judge advocate assigned to serve as an SVC does not want the position or is not a good fit, that person would be shifted to the other practice area of the Member Advocacy Division (the Division which houses the SVC Program) and would handle physical disability claims.

133. (Update to JPP RFI 29) Services: Provide information about FY15 and FY16 courses (including non-DoD courses) for SVCs and VLCs tasked to handle sexual assault cases on the Excel workbook tabs 5 and 6 of "Attachment 2, Attorney Training Courses." Please provide a course syllabus for each course.

USA	Please see attached Excel Workbook ENCLSURES:
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attorney Training Courses 2. 2nd Child SVCC Block Schedule 3. 3rd Child SVCC Block Schedule 4. 4th SVC Course Block Schedule 5. 5th SVC Block Schedule 6. 6th SVC Block Schedule 7. DC2016 Brochure, FEB 2014 8. 2nd Child SVCC Block Schedule, 9. Final WO Training Schedule 10. Attorney 2 Attorney Training Courses 11. 45th ITAC Block Schedule 12. 46th ITAC Block Schedule 13. 47th ITAC Block Schedule 14. 48th ITAC Block Schedule 15. 49th ITAC Block Schedule 16. 50th ITAC Block Schedule
<p>USAF</p>	<p>The Air Force SVC course has continued to evolve with the expansion of eligibility and the broadening of representation scope. The FY15 SVC course contained blocks of instruction that the FY14 course did not, such as instruction about retaliation assistance and vicarious trauma that SVCs may experience. Other changes to the FY15 course included changing the format of the client feedback discussion. In the January 2015 course, there was a panel discussion of former clients with all student SVCs. In the June 2015 course, former clients paired with their SVCs and met as pairs with small groups of student SVCs. (Note: for both courses, counseling support was available to the clients before and after they talked with the student SVCs.) The FY16 SVC course will have components that the FY15 courses did not, such as blocks of instruction regarding DoD civilian representation.</p> <p>ENCLOSURES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment 2 – Attorney Training Courses 2. Attorney Training Courses – FY14 3. Attorney Training Courses – FY15 4. Attorney Training Courses – FY16 5. AF SVC Course Schedule 6. AF SVC Course Master Curriculum – February 2016 7. Army SVC Course Schedule – May 2015 8. Army SVC Course Schedule – July 2015 9. Army Child SVC Course Schedule – February 2015 10. Army Child SVC Course Schedule – September 2015 11. AFOSI Sex Crimes Investigations Training – February 2015 12. Army SVU Investigations Course – June 2015 13. LA for Victims of Crime Training – July 2015 14. European SVC/VLC Training – September 2015 15. Int’l Conference on Family and Children – January 2015 16. TASSA for Victims of Crime Training – July 2015 17. National Sexual Assault Conference – August 2015

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<p>USN</p>	<p>Please refer to the Excel workbook tables 5 and 6 of JPP RFI 6 Attachment 2, Attorney Training Courses (see Question 120) for individual VLC training. Please see enclosures (15)-(17) from Question 125 and (22)-(27) for related course syllabi, including FY15 and FY16 internal VLCP training topics and presentations at enclosure (28) and (28)(a)-(i).</p> <p>ENCLOSURES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NCVLI Curriculum – May 2015 2. Prosecuting Special Victim Cases Curriculum – August 2015 3. Defending Special Victim Cases Curriculum – August 2015 4. DoN Legal Assistance for Victims of Sexual Offenses & Other Crimes Symposium – August 2015 5. European SVC-VLC Training – September 2015 6. VLC Training Schedule – FY15-FY16 7. RCM 801 DCO Training – March 2015 8. Discovery and the VLC DCO Training – October 2015 9. Article 32 DCO Training – March 2015 10. Appeals Training DCO – January 2015 11. VLC RCM 513 Expert Training DCO – September 2015 12. VLC Reserve Brief DCO – October 2015 13. Retaliation Training DCO – July 2015 14. Protecting your Client’s Privacy Training DCO – May 2015 15. Working with Minot Victims of Sexual Assault DCO – November 2014
<p>USMC</p>	<p>Please see Attachment 2.</p> <p>ENCLOSURE:</p> <p>Attorney Training Courses</p>
<p>USCG</p>	<p>See Attachment 2 Attorney Training Courses (Enclosure 3)</p> <p>The Coast Guard does not offer a SVC certification course and, instead, utilizes the training courses provided by the other services, who have provided spots in each class to allow our counsel to attend.</p> <p>The links to the non-DoD courses are below:</p> <p>ENCLOSURE:</p> <p>Attorney Training Courses</p> <p>REFERENCES:</p> <p><u>National Crime Victims' Law Institute</u> https://law.lclark.edu/centers/national_crime_victim_law_institute/projects/education_and_training/annual_conference/archive/2015/overview.php</p> <p><u>Crimes Against Children</u> http://www.cvent.com/events/27th-annual-crimes-against-children-conference/event-</p>

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	<p>summary-6dc115cd2cea4fbf81132b265ac87f1b.aspx</p> <p><u>End Violence Against Women</u> http://www.evawintl.org/conferences.aspx</p> <p><u>Crimes Against Women</u> http://www.conferencecaw.org/</p>
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134. (Update to JPP RFI 30) Services: How many SVC courses does your Service plan to host each year? Are SVC courses coordinated among the Services?

USA	The Army hosts two SVC Certification Courses and one Child Course, open to all Services and components each year. SVC will also participate in the sexual assault training advocacy course with trial counsel and defense counsel. SVC courses are coordinated among the Services.
USAF	In FY15, there were two SVC courses at the Air Force JAG School; in FY16, the Air Force will conduct one SVC course, which will cover both basic SVC certification as well as child certification. In FY15, the Air Force SVC course was attended by other Service SVCs/VLCs. The Air Force SVC course included instructors from other Services and the National Guard to ensure collaboration and the presentation of other Service perspectives. Also in FY15, Air Force SVCs attended child and adult certification courses conducted by the Army. Recently, the Army and the Air Force set up a working group to review the basic SVC certification and child certification course requirements in order to standardize course content.
USN	In January 2014, the Navy held its initial VLC Training & Certification Course in Newport, RI, at the Naval Justice School. Ten newly assigned Navy VLC, four USMC VLC and five USCG SVC completed the course. As the Navy initially staffed its VLC Program with active duty and reserve judge advocates with 36 month orders (Reserve Definite Recalls), and only a third of the original 29 VLC billets have turned over, repeat Navy training for additional VLC has not been necessary given access to the Army and Air Force SVC courses, which provide similar training. VLC/SVC training courses are coordinated among the services. Although the Navy has not hosted another VLC training since January 2014, we routinely provide instructors to teach at the Army and Air Force SVC when Navy VLC are in attendance.
USMC	The Marine Corps does not host any certification courses, and opts to utilize those certification courses hosted by the Army and Air Force. However, the Marine Corps hosts one advanced training course for Marine Corps VLC annually. This training is held approximately six months after the summer VLC certification courses. The other services in the local area have been invited to hear certain speakers. Additionally, each of the four regions host a regional training conference that SVCs and VLCs from the other services have been invited to attend.
USCG	As noted above, this year the Coast Guard is hosting an SVC course. It will not serve as an SVC certification course but will cover in-depth subjects and practices unique to the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard intends to continue to attend the SVC certification courses provided by the sister service JAG schools for SVC certification purposes.

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135. (Update to JPP RFI 31) Services: Have counsel from your Service received SVC training from another Service? If so, how many?

USA	Army SVC have attended training courses hosted by the Air Force SVC Program and the Navy VLC Program; 20 have attended AF certification courses, and 39 attended the Navy continuing education event.
USAF	In FY15, three Air Force SVCs attended the Army certification course and four Air Force SVCs attended the Army child representation certification course.
USN	Yes. Of the 29 currently serving Navy VLC, 20 have received SVC/VLC training from another Service: 8 have attended the Army SVC course and 12 attended the Air Force SVC course.
USMC	All VLCs in the Marine Corps who have been assigned since JPP RFI 31 have received SVC/VLC certification training from either the Army or Air Force JAG Schools. During FY15, 24 Marine Corps VLC were trained at another Service's SVC Certification course.
USCG	All the Coast Guard SVCs who have attended SVC training and all have done so at one of the courses provided by the other Services.

136. (Update to JPP RFI 33) Services: Have counsel from the other Services attended your SVC training courses? If so, please indicate how many JAGs from each Service participated in each of your SVC courses.

USA	To date, 56 counsel from other Services have attended Army SVC training courses.
USAF	Every Air Force SVC course has included SVCs/VLCs from other Services. The Air Force JAG School continues to make course slots available to other Services' SVCs/VLCs. In January 2015, two Navy VLCs, seven Army SVCs, two Air National Guard SVCs, and nine Coast Guard SVCs attended the Air Force SVC course. In June 2015, six Marine Corps VLCs, two Navy VLCs, seven Army SVCs, and one Army National Guard SVC attended the Air Force SVC course. Also, Air Force SVCs have participated in panels at each of the Army SVC courses offered in FY15 and discussed their experiences representing both adult and child clients. The AFLOA/CLSV Associate Chief briefed Civilian Systems Impacting Child Representation and Working with Guardian Ad Litem at the Army child certification course.
USN	Yes. Four USMC VLC and five USCG SVC attended the Navy VLC Training and Certification Course held in Newport, RI, in January 2014.
USMC	Not applicable. The Marine Corps does not host certification training.
USCG	The Coast Guard does not offer an SVC course for non-Coast Guard affiliated members. The Coast Guard utilizes the training courses provided by the other Services who have provided spots in each class to allow our counsel to attend.

137. (Update to JPP RFI 34) Services: How many military judges in your Service have received formal SVC training to date? What percentage of currently serving military judges has received such training? Please provide a course syllabus for each course.

USA	All 24 active duty and 22 reserve component Army trial judges have received training on the SVC program and SVC issues. Judges from all services initially attend the Military Judge Course at the Army Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School. This
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