

**JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS PANEL
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION SET # 1**

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. Since the program's inception only one SVC has been removed from the program.
USAF	Each candidate is consulted before being assigned to the position regarding his/her desire to become an SVC. The candidate's desire to serve is a factor weighed by the Professional Development Directorate and SVC Program Chief and normally results in the candidate not being assigned to the position by The Judge Advocate General if the candidate does not want to serve in the position. The candidate's desire to serve is part of the consideration of whether the attorney is "best qualified." So far, the Air Force has not assigned a judge advocate to the SVC program who has expressed his/her disinterest in the position. Since the inception of the program, only one SVC was determined to be a poor fit and was reassigned upon that determination.
USN	A judge advocate is not screened for the position if they do not want to be a VLC. The first question asked during the initial VLC interview is, why do you want to be a VLC? To date, one reserve VLC was not a good fit for the program and his orders were not renewed at the end of the first year.
USMC	Personal preference is taken into consideration with billet assignments, but the needs of the Service take priority. The OIC, LSSS and OIC, VLCO make the determination if a judge advocate is a good fit prior to assignment. See answer to Question 25.
USCG	If a judge advocate is assigned to serve as an SVC and does not want the position or is not a good fit, that person would be shifted to another area of defense services, such as the office that handles physical disability claims. To date, this has not occurred within the Coast Guard's program.