



MAKING A CASE FOR THE ARMY

FIND OUT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A LAWYER
WITH THE ARMY LEGAL SERVICES.



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LEGAL OFFICER

Whoever you are, whatever your ambitions, you can achieve them in the Army.

The Army Legal Services (ALS) is a specialist branch that deals with the ever increasing need to deliver military legal support to the British Army. From prosecuting in the Court Martial and giving legal advice on international, civil and military law to advising and training on operational law, the law of armed conflict and the rules of engagement.

WHAT MAKES THIS JOB DIFFERENT?

The ALS is an Officer-only branch of the Army, so you'll be given responsibility from the outset. Being a lawyer in the Army is no ordinary job. You could find yourself advising the chain of command on the finer points of international law in the middle of a war zone, while another assignment could see you in charge of the decision to prosecute at court martial. Whatever your role, you'll be working to the same high standards as any civilian lawyer, but will be offered opportunities and challenges that few regular practices could match.

WHAT'S ON OFFER

- Competitive salary and pension.
- Overseas travel.
- Challenge and adventure.
- Excellent training and prospects.
- 30 days' leave, plus bank holidays.
- Free health and dental care.
- Comprehensive sports and gym facilities.
- No billing or timesheets to worry about.



WHY BECOME A LEGAL OFFICER?

As a qualified barrister, solicitor or advocate you advise on a range of legal issues across the Army. You may deploy on operations to give operational advice, prosecute at court martial, offer legal assistance to individuals serving abroad or advise on administrative and disciplinary matters.

Not only that, but you'll benefit from the Army package of travel, pension, sports and adventurous training.

You'll receive the training and support you need to succeed in your role (including being able to obtain CPD points as required by your professional regulatory body), develop your management and leadership skills, and enjoy a unique team spirit.

WHAT DOES THE TRAINING INVOLVE?

As a Legal Officer, you'll spend 9 months training before going to your first legal role. During your first two weeks you'll conduct your initial training and administration at the Directorate of Army Legal Services – after which you'll attend the Professionally Qualified Officers' course at Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. You'll learn basic military skills, study tactics and take on a range of tasks designed to develop your ability to lead and command.

On completion of your initial legal training, you'll then spend three months on attachment,

usually with a combat arm unit – such as an infantry battalion. This is designed to give you first-hand experience providing you with an understanding of the military ethos and function of an Army unit.

LIFESTYLE

One of the things all Army jobs have in common is that they're part of a lifestyle that can be as rewarding as you want it to be. In addition to this, you get the chance to play almost any sport and take part in adventurous training ranging from paragliding to diving.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- You must be a British or Commonwealth citizen or citizen of the Republic of Ireland and have lived in the UK for the last 5 years.
- You must be a qualified solicitor, barrister or advocate, qualified in England and Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland.
- Barristers must have completed pupillage and solicitors must have completed a training contract (ALS do not offer pupillage or training contracts).
- You should be physically fit and aged between 23 and 32.



FIND OUT MORE

For initial enquiries contact the Specialist Recruiting Team on 0121 6336450.

The Army welcomes people from all backgrounds. Whatever your race, ethnic origin, gender, religion or belief, there is a role for you in our team. No account is taken of sexual orientation, social background or marital/civil partnership status. We have a strict code of conduct that ensures zero tolerance of bullying, harassment, discrimination and victimisation on any grounds.