

# US Air Force JAG Corps Announces New Law School Programs

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Would-be legal eagles may want to try on a couple of US Air Force wings, as the Air Force announces some new JAG law school programs. Read more at [The Langley Fighter...](#)

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Applications for the Funded Legal Education Program and Excess Leave Program are being accepted from January 1 through March 1, 2010. Interested officers are encouraged to compete.

“Our Air Force missions are constantly changing and commanders deserve to have access to legal advisors with a broad background of military experiences,” said Lt. Col. Todd Wold, 1st Fighter Wing staff judge advocate. The FLEP and ELP will ensure that we can continue to maintain a corps of officers whose military experience complements their legal training, providing commanders with the highest caliber of legal support.”

According to Colonel Wold, Air Force judge advocate generals do more than just provide legal assistance. In addition to prosecuting and defending clients brought before courts-martial, JAG officers routinely participate in nearly every facet of the Air Force mission, including developing and acquiring weapons systems, ensuring availability of airspace and ranges where those systems are tested and operated, consulting with commanders about how those systems are employed in armed conflict and assisting commanders in the day-to-day running of military installations around the world.

“Every facet of every Air Force mission is bound by elements of the law,” said Colonel Wold.

The FLEP is a paid legal studies program for active-duty Air Force commissioned officers. The FLEP is an assignment action, and participants receive full pay, allowances, and tuition. FLEP applicants must have between two and six years active duty service (enlisted or commissioned) and must be in the pay grade O-3 or below as of the day they begin law school. The FLEP is subject to tuition limitations, and positions may be limited due to overall funding availability. The Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) establishes the tuition limit, and the academic year 2010 is set at approximately \$16,000 per year. This amount may change year to year.