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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER KATHERINE E. WARD

Lieutenant Commander Katherine (Katie) Ward currently serves at the office of the Staff Judge Advocate for the First Coast Guard District in Boston, MA. The office is responsible for providing legal advice to the District Commander, as well as to subordinate units and partner commands. The office oversees the provision of legal services to over 2,000 active duty, reserve, and civilian personnel and provides advice in support of missions worldwide.



Previously, LCDR Ward served on CGC SHERMAN in San Diego, CA as an Engineering Officer in Training (EOIT), Damage Control Assistant (DCA), training officer, fueling officer, and division officer of 15+ members. She spent her second tour at the CG Personnel Service Center (PSC) in Arlington, VA in the Human Resources and Administration Branch. In this billet she wrote Advisory Opinions to the Board for Correction of Military Records (BCMR) and responded to high-visibility Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Congressional inquiries to the Coast Guard. As her first legal tour, LCDR Ward served as a Special Victims' Counsel (SVC) in Seattle, WA. As an SVC, she provided 24/7 legal support to victims of alleged sex-related and domestic violence offenses. She also served as detailed counsel to members undergoing the Disability Evaluation System (DES) processing.

LCDR Ward also served as a White House Social Aide to the President of the United States during the Obama and Trump administrations and was selected as Program Manager for the Coast Guard contingent of 10+ officers. During these nearly five years, she directed and trained 100+ Aides across all five services in high-level events as Officer-In-Charge (OIC).

LCDR Ward graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 2012 with High Honors and a B.S. in Operations Research and Computer Analysis. She received her Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. in May 2020, graduating Cum Laude.

Her top individual military awards include the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (2), the Volunteer Service Medal, and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal.

LCDR Ward is an avid yoga practitioner of over 10 years and certified instructor. She truly enjoys all things outdoor, including running, biking, and hiking.

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