



**CAPTAIN KAREN L. FISCHER-ANDERSON  
JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS  
UNITED STATES NAVY**

Captain Karen Fischer-Anderson was born in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Skidmore College in 1984 and a Juris Doctor degree from Franklin Pierce Law Center in 1987. Captain Fischer-Anderson was licensed to practice law by the State of Pennsylvania in November 1987.

Commissioned in the Judge Advocate General's Corps Student Program in May 1986, Captain Fischer-Anderson attended Officer Indoctrination School and served as a legal intern at Naval Legal Service Office, Groton, CT. Following graduation from Naval Justice School in March 1988, her first duty assignment was Naval Legal Service Office, Guam where she served as Defense Counsel, Legal Assistance Attorney, and Trial Counsel.

Captain Fischer-Anderson's next assignments were as Defense Counsel at Naval Legal Service Office, Naples, Branch Office Holy Loch from June 1990 to October 1991, and as Staff Judge Advocate, Naval Air Station Miramar from October 1991 until May 1994.

She served as Staff Judge Advocate to Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific from June 1994 to July 1995, and as Staff Judge Advocate to Commander, Patrol Wings, U.S. Pacific Fleet from July 1995 until October 1997.

Following eight months of duty as Senior Defense Counsel at Naval Legal Service Office Yokosuka, Japan, Detachment Pearl Harbor, from October 1997 to July 1998, she earned a Masters of Law degree at George Washington University in Environmental Law. In August of 1999, she reported for duty at Naval Justice School as Department head for Military Justice and later served as the Naval Justice School Academic Director. In October 2002, Captain Fischer-Anderson reported as Executive Officer of Naval Legal Service Office, Mid-Atlantic. She assumed command of Naval Legal Service Office, Mid-Atlantic from June to August 2003 and then reported as the Force Judge Advocate for Commander, Naval Air Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet where she served from July 2004 to July 2006. Following her tour at AIRLANT, she was assigned as the Staff Judge Advocate to the Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy from July 2006 until June 2009. Captain Fischer-Anderson took command of Naval Legal Service Office Southeast, Mayport, FL on July 1, 2009 and became the first Chief of Staff for, Defense Service Office on 1 October, 2010. In August of 2013, Captain Fischer-Anderson began her present duties as Chief of Staff, Victims' Legal Counsel.

Her personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (three awards), Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (five awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal.