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Both the the Undergraduate Honor Court and the Graduate and Professional Honor Courts are supported by their respective Attorney General and his or her staff. In either branch, the Attorney General Staff is comprised of the Attorney General and his or her Cabinet, Managing Associates and Counsels. Below is a brief description of each group's responsibilities.

Attorney General and Cabinet

As outlined in the Instrument, the Attorney General is responsible for the following:

- Recruiting, appointing, training, certifying, and overseeing the members of the Undergraduate Student Attorney General's Staff
- Managing day-to-day Honor System administrative tasks
- Reviewing and investigating alleged violations of the Honor Code
- Formulating and bringing charges against accused students as well as advising accused students concerning their rights
- Responding to appeals of Honor Court adjudication
- Contributing to cooperative efforts to strengthen the campus Honor System

The Attorney General also meets on a regular basis with his or her Cabinet and staff members to discuss current issues facing the Honor System and to ensure that counsels and associates are fully prepared to handle each case appropriately.

Managing Associates

As outlined in the Staff manual, Managing Associates are appointed by the respective Attorney General and serve as a neutral party responsible for overseeing the progress of individual cases. Managing Associates conduct preliminary conferences with accused students, providing them with information about the system and helping them to decide on plea and hearing types. The Managing associate then works with both parties to schedule the case. Once the case is scheduled, the Managing Associate assigns counsel to each side and serves as a neutral source of information for all parties.
involved. Managing Associates also meet regularly with the respective Attorney General and complete projects to improve the functionality of Attorney General Staff.

**Counsels**

Counsels work as "lawyers" in the Honor System in that they help to prepare the case and represent the reporting party or the accused student(s) in Honor Court hearings. The Investigative Counsel is responsible for presenting a case to the Honor Court that supports the charge made by the respective Student Attorney General. On the other side, the Defense Counsel assists the accused student in presenting his or her case. Both Counsels provide complete explanations of the Honor System and the rights of the student(s) and the reporting party as well as assist their respective parties in the preparation and presentation of their case before the Honor Court. Counsel membership includes a diverse group of students from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. Counsels also meet regularly with the respective Attorney General and Cabinet, Managing Associates, Honor Court, and Outreach Coordinator to ensure cooperation within the Honor System and to develop ways to promote the Honor Code throughout the campus community.

New Counsels are selected by the Cabinet after candidates submit an application and undergo an interview process. Attorney General Staff members may retain their position until graduation, subject to reviews of performance and involvement.

**Interested in Applying?**

Each fall, both the Undergraduate and the Graduate and Professional Attorney General's Staff recruits interested students to become new members. Serving on the Attorney General's Staff is a great way to become more involved on campus and give back to the University. Students interested in applying may email the Undergraduate Student Attorney General at [jpa@unc.edu](mailto:jpa@unc.edu) or the Graduate and Professional Student Attorney General at [evanh@live.unc.edu](mailto:evanh@live.unc.edu) for more information.

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