



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Civil Division (CIV)

FY 2015 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2014 Enacted:	\$285.9 million (1,425 positions; 1,025 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$12.9 million
Program Changes:	-\$395,000
FY 2015 Budget Request:	\$298.4 million (1,425 positions; 1,025 attorneys)
Change From FY 2014 Enacted:	+\$12.5 million (+4.4%)

Mission:

The Civil Division represents the legal interests of the United States, safeguards taxpayer dollars, and protects the health, safety, and economic security of the American people. Each year CIV represents some 200 client agencies in approximately 50,000 lawsuits. Most of these cases are suits against the United States in which CIV not only defends the Government's statutes, policies, and vital national interests, but also saves billions of taxpayer dollars. In FY 2013 alone, CIV defended against suits in which over \$100 billion was at issue. In addition, CIV recovers billions of dollars for taxpayers through its affirmative litigation, such as its enforcement of federal consumer protection laws and its record-setting efforts under the False Claims Act, including cases targeting health care fraud, financial fraud, and fraud against the military. In FY 2013, CIV, working with U.S. Attorneys, recovered over \$4.1 billion in affirmative matters. Finally, CIV protects the health and safety of Americans by defending cases related to national security and by enforcing protections for the safety of food and medicines.

Resources:

The FY 2015 budget request for CIV totals \$298.4 million, which is a 4.4% increase over the FY 2014 Enacted.

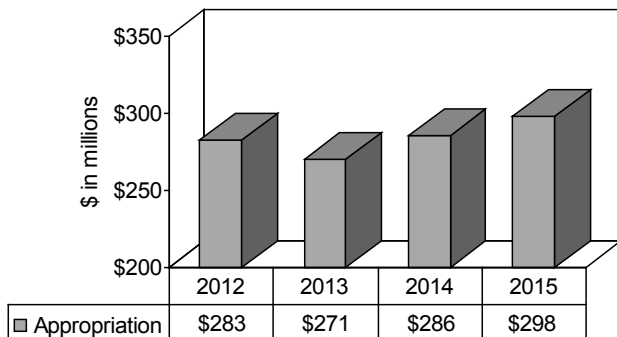
Organization:

The CIV Assistant Attorney General is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. CIV is composed of six litigating branches and an administrative office. The Commercial Litigation Branch defends claims associated with Government transactions and recovers money owed to Medicare, the military, Government programs, and the U.S. treasury. The Federal Programs Branch defends the constitutionality and legality of federal statutes, regulations, policies and programs. The Office of Immigration Litigation represents the United States in immigration matters, such as removal actions and denaturalization proceedings. The Torts Branch defends the United States in suits for monetary damages alleging negligent or wrongful acts and administers statutory compensation programs. The Appellate Staff represents the United States in civil cases in the federal courts of appeal. The Consumer Protection Branch brings civil and criminal actions to protect consumers and protect the public's health and safety. A core CIV function is to vigorously defend and enforce laws governing the financial sector and expose fraud that has hurt millions of Americans.

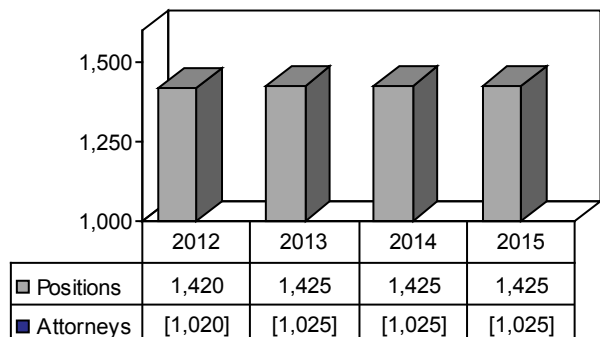
Personnel:

CIV's direct positions for FY 2015 total 1,425 and is the same as FY 2014 Enacted. However, between January 2011 and December 2013, CIV declined by 265 staff (127 attorneys and 138 support staff).

Funding (FY 2012 - 2015)



Personnel (FY 2012 - 2015)



FY 2015 Strategy:

The Civil Division will continue to represent the legal interests of the United States, safeguard taxpayer dollars, and protect the health, safety and economic security of the American people. The vast majority of CIV's work (approximately 90%) is defensive litigation: legal challenges to federal activities, as well as tort, contract and other suits against the United States seeking monetary damages or injunctive relief. These suits reflect the diversity of government activities: CIV defends the constitutionality of federal statutes and programs, protects the confidentiality of national security information, defends the government's immigration program, safeguards government programs when challenged, represents government officials and servicemembers when they are sued, and protects the government's fiscal resources by contesting civil lawsuits that allege wrongdoing by the federal government and, in the process, seek to collect billions of dollars. For example, CIV is defending a series of lawsuits related to the Federal Government's bailout of failing financial entities AIG, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac during the 2008 financial crisis. The AIG shareholders seek over \$40 billion and the Fannie and Freddie shareholders seek \$63.8 billion.

In its affirmative litigation, CIV generates billions of dollars for the United States. Since January 2009, CIV, working with the U.S. Attorneys, has recovered well over \$20 billion for the Federal Government in health care fraud, financial fraud, and other affirmative civil and criminal cases. CIV has played a leading role in these top Administration and Department priorities. CIV is leading the suit against Standard and Poor's Ratings Services for its role in the ratings given to the financial instruments that were at the center of the 2008 economic crisis, and it has led or been a key participant in investigations of major Wall Street financial institutions for their roles in residential mortgage backed securities offerings.

These cases are complex, require teams of dedicated attorneys and support staff, necessitate extensive technology resources to assist in the billions of pages of discovery materials, and require attorneys to develop novel legal arguments.

CIV strives to protect its two most important resources – its dedicated and highly-skilled workforce and its litigation support services. To preserve its staffing and access to information technology, CIV has cut travel substantially, delayed vital information technology investments, reduced litigation consultant services, cut off overtime heat and air conditioning, eliminated awards, cancelled publications, and curtailed expenditures on supplies. Additionally, CIV's participation on the Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force, including as co-chair of three of its working groups, enables attorneys to utilize shared resources to better pursue fraud cases.

FY 2015 Program Changes:

Program Offset - Miscellaneous Program and Administrative Reductions: - \$395,000 and 0 positions
Reductions to existing operations and services necessary to pay for increases in existing costs, including pay raises, FERS contributions, State Department charges, and GSA rent, among others. Program and administrative reductions to be identified once funds are appropriated.

FY 2015 Opportunity, Growth, and Security Initiative: The FY 2015 base discretionary budget meets the cap levels set by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013. In addition, the FY 2015 Budget's Opportunity, Growth, and Security Initiative includes funding for improved capacity for financial fraud enforcement at the Department, including hiring additional civil litigators, investigators, and forensic accountants.

Civil Division
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Civil Division		
	Pos	Est. FTE	Amount
2013 Appropriation	1,425	1,154	290,929
2013 Sequester Cut	0	0	-14,342
2013 Rescissions (1.877 % & 0.2%)	0	0	-6,032
2013 Enacted with Rescissions and Sequester	1,425	1,154	270,555
2014 Enacted	1,425	1,189	285,927
2015 Request	1,425	1,189	298,394
Change 2015 from 2014 Enacted	0	0	12,467
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	4,181
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	8,721
Foreign Expenses	0	0	-40
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	12,862
2015 Current Services	1,425	1,189	298,789
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	0
Decreases:			
Program Offset - Miscellaneous Program and Administrative Reductions	0	0	-395
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	-395
Total Program Changes	0	0	-395
2015 Request	1,425	1,189	298,394

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Comparison by activity and program	2014 Enacted			2015 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount
Legal Representation	1,425	1,189	285,927	1,425	1,189	298,789
Total	1,425	1,189	285,927	1,425	1,189	298,789
Reimbursable FTE	0	155	0	0	155	0
Grand Total	1,425	1,344	285,927	1,425	1,344	298,789

Comparison by activity and program	2015 Total Program Changes			2015 Request		
	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount
Legal Representation	0	0	-395	1,425	1,189	298,394
Total	0	0	-395	1,425	1,189	298,394
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	155	0
Grand Total	0	0	-395	1,425	1,344	298,394