



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Office of the Solicitor General (OSG)

FY 2015 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2014 Enacted:	\$11.2 million (50 positions; 22 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$596,000
Program Changes:	-\$102,000
FY 2015 Budget Request:	\$11.7 million (51 positions; 23 attorneys)
Change From FY 2014 Enacted:	+\$494,000 (+4.4%) (+1 position; +1 attorney)

Mission:

The mission of the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) is to conduct all litigation on behalf of the United States and its agencies in the Supreme Court of the United States, to approve decisions to appeal and seek further review in cases involving the United States in the lower federal courts, and to supervise the handling of litigation in the federal appellate courts.

Organization:

OSG is headed by the Solicitor General, who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Within the attorney staff, 17 career staff attorneys work with three career Deputy Solicitors General, the Principal Deputy Solicitor General, and the Solicitor General to prepare oral arguments, Supreme Court briefs, and other related legal materials. The 28 support positions are organized into three sections that include Administration, Case Management and Research and Publications.

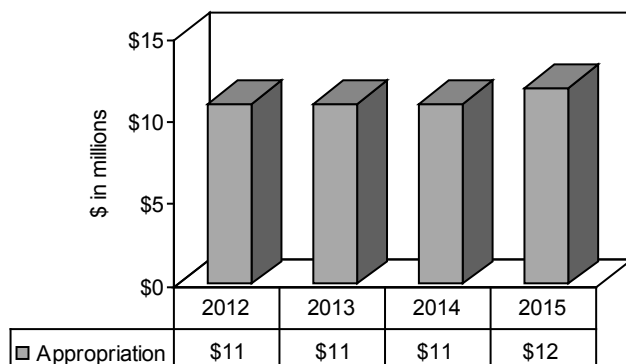
Resources:

The FY 2015 budget request for OSG totals \$11.7 million, which is a 4.4% increase over the FY 2014 Enacted.

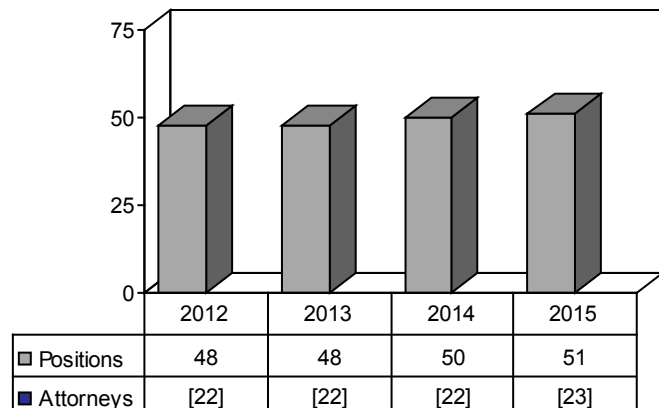
Personnel:

The OSG's direct positions for FY 2015 total 51 positions. OSG's FY 2015 request includes an increase of 1 position over the FY 2014 Enacted of 50 positions.

Funding (FY 2012 - 2015)



Personnel (FY 2012 - 2015)



FY 2015 Strategy:

The Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) is required to handle all appropriate Supreme Court cases and requests for appeal, amicus, or intervention authorization. In the vast majority of cases filed in the Supreme Court in which the United States is a party, a petition is filed by an adverse party and the United States responds in some way, either by filing a brief or (after reviewing the case) waiving its right to do so. Additionally, the Supreme Court formally requests the Solicitor General to express the views of the United States on whether the Court should grant certiorari in cases in which the United States is not a party. The number of cases in which the Solicitor General petitions the Supreme Court for review, acquiesces in a petition for a writ of certiorari filed by an adverse party, or participates as an intervener or as amicus curiae is governed exclusively by the Solicitor General's determination that it is in the best interest of the United States to take such action. Further, such activity may vary widely from year to year.

FY 2015 Program Changes:

Program Offset - Miscellaneous Program and Administrative Reductions: -\$102,000 and 0 positions
Reductions to existing operations and services necessary to pay for increases in existing costs, including pay raises, FERS contributions, and GSA rent, among others. Program and administrative reductions to be identified once funds are appropriated.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Office of the Solicitor General		
	Pos	Est. FTE	Amount
2013 Appropriation	54	48	11,584
2013 Rescissions (1.877 % & 0.2%)	0	0	-229
2013 Sequester Cut	0	0	-543
2013 Enacted with Rescissions and Sequester	54	48	10,812
2014 Enacted	50	55	11,198
2015 Request	51	56	11,692
Change 2015 from 2014 Enacted	1	1	494
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	1	1	394
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	202
Total Base Adjustments	1	1	596
2015 Current Services	51	56	11,794
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	0
Decreases:			
Program Offset - Miscellaneous Program and Administrative Reductions	0	0	-102
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	-102
Total Program Changes	0	0	-102
2015 Request	51	56	11,692

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Comparison by activity and program	2014 Enacted			2015 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount
Federal Appellate Activity	50	55	11,198	51	56	11,794
Total	50	55	11,198	51	56	11,794
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	50	55	11,198	51	56	11,794

Comparison by activity and program	2015 Total Program Changes			2015 Request		
	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount
Federal Appellate Activity	0	0	-102	51	56	11,692
Total	0	0	-102	51	56	11,692
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	0	0	-102	51	56	11,692