



## U.S. Attorneys (USA)

### FY 2015 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2014 Enacted:	\$1,944.0 million (10,624 positions; 5,446 attorneys; 20 agents)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$40.2 million
Program Changes:	-\$28.8 million
FY 2015 Budget Request:	\$1,955.3 million (10,637 positions; 5,454 attorneys; 20 agents)
Change From FY 2014 Enacted:	+\$11.3 million (+0.6%) (+13 positions; +8 attorneys)

#### Mission:

The United States Attorneys serve as the Nation's principal litigators under the direction of the Attorney General. Their offices bring criminal prosecutions, pursue civil penalties, defend federal programs and guard the financial interests of the United States in court. They also provide advice and counsel to the Attorney General and senior policy leadership through the Attorney General's Advisory Committee (AGAC) and its various subcommittees. The Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys provides the USAs with general executive assistance and direction, policy development, administrative management direction and oversight, operational support, training and coordination with other components of the Department and other federal agencies.

#### Resources:

The FY 2015 budget request for USA totals \$1,955 million, which is a 0.6% increase over the FY 2014 Enacted.

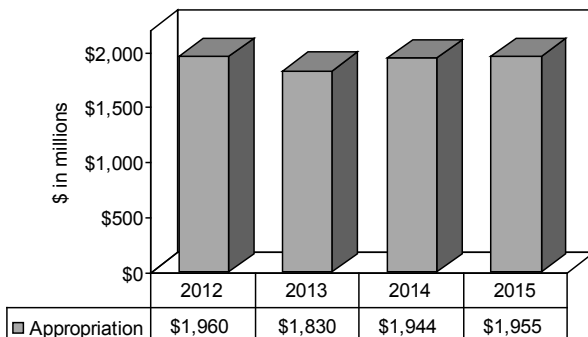
#### Organization:

There are 93 U.S. Attorneys located throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. U.S. Attorneys are appointed by, and serve at the discretion of, the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate. One U.S. Attorney is assigned to each of the judicial districts, with the exception of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands where a single U.S. Attorney serves both districts. Each U.S. Attorney is the chief federal law enforcement officer of the U.S. within his or her particular jurisdiction. The Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys was created on April 6, 1953, by Attorney General Order 8-53, to provide for close liaison between the Department of Justice in Washington, DC, and the 93 U.S. Attorneys.

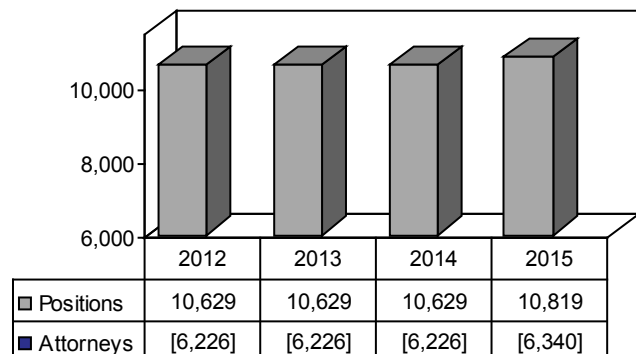
#### Personnel:

The USA's direct positions for FY 2015 total 10,637 positions. USA's FY 2015 request includes an increase of 13 positions over the FY 2014 Enacted of 10,624 positions. However, between January 2011 and December 2013, the number of U.S. Attorneys' onboard staff declined by 1,328 (309 attorneys).

Funding (FY 2012 - 2015)



Personnel (FY 2012 - 2015)



\* Includes reimbursable attorneys

## **FY 2015 Strategy:**

In FY 2015, the United States Attorneys will continue to investigate and prosecute the diverse workload of criminal cases brought by the Federal Government and will continue to initiate and defend civil actions to assert and protect the interests of the United States.

The diverse criminal and civil workload includes cases in international and domestic terrorism; child exploitation and obscenity; firearms and violent crime; gangs and organized crime; complex and multi-jurisdictional fraud – including health care, identity theft, public corruption, bank and investment frauds; environmental crimes - including oil spill related frauds; drug enforcement; and human trafficking. Additionally in FY 2015, the United States Attorneys will continue to focus criminal prosecutorial resources on financial crimes, including mortgage and corporate fraud, southwest border enforcement, and Indian Country prosecution efforts. Further, the United States Attorneys will continue collection efforts of both criminal and civil debt. In FY 2013, the United States Attorneys collected a total of \$9.1 billion.

Caseload for financial fraud is expected to remain heavy in FY 2015 due to the troubled mortgage industry, as well as investment schemes and securities fraud uncovered by a declining market. Because of their complexity, these cases can take years to investigate and prosecute. The Department is committed to investigating and prosecuting financial fraud and holding accountable those who contributed to the financial crisis. The Department is an active member of the Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force (FFETF).

A critical facet of the FFETF is the Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities Working Group (RMBS), which is investigating misconduct in the creation, sale and packaging of residential mortgage-backed securities, the failure of which contributed significantly to the housing market collapse. Most recently, on November 19, 2013, the Department entered into a settlement with JPMorgan - the largest settlement with a single entity in American history - to resolve federal and state civil claims arising out of the packaging, marketing, sale and issuance of residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) by JPMorgan, Bear Stearns and Washington Mutual prior to Jan. 1, 2009. As part of the settlement, JPMorgan acknowledged it made serious misrepresentations to the public - including the investing public - about numerous RMBS transactions. The resolution also requires JPMorgan to provide much needed relief to underwater homeowners and potential homebuyers, including those in distressed areas of the country.

The ongoing vigorous prosecution of serious financial fraud will provide deterrence to additional criminal activity and thereby assist the financial recovery program. Continued southwest border enforcement initiatives will require the efforts of United States Attorneys' Offices throughout the country to enforce immigration laws and combat and deter southwest border related crime. This is especially important with regard to investigations of cross border drug trafficking and gun violence. Indian Country prosecution efforts will continue to focus on curbing the rate of violent crime, and combating illegal drug distribution and manufacturing in Indian Country.

The FY 2015 budget proposes substantive changes to the FY 2014 enacted appropriation language for USA. Additional detail is provided about substantive and technical language changes in Section III and USA's Congressional Justification.

## **FY 2015 Program Changes:**

**Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) Reform:** \$1.3 million and 13 positions (8 attorneys)

These resources will support the Department's efforts to centralize and improve the process for handling foreign requests for legal assistance, as promised in the President's Jan. 17, 2014 speech on signals intelligence. This includes the personnel and technological resources required to enable a robust centralized system, reduce backlog, and improve MLAT response time. FY 2015 current services for this initiative are \$0.0 million.

**Program Offset - Miscellaneous Program and Administrative Reductions:** -\$30.2 million 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.

**Smart on Crime Initiative:** [\$15 million and 103 positions]

The Attorney Generals' *Smart on Crime* Initiative promotes fundamental reforms to the criminal justice system that will improve public safety, save money, and ensure the fair enforcement of Federal laws. Within base funding, the U.S. Attorneys will dedicate resources towards *Smart on Crime* activities including prevention and reentry coordinators and to implement alternatives to incarceration such as the establishment of drug courts.

**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 targeted investments in the U.S. Attorneys for improved capacity for financial fraud enforcement at the Department, including hiring additional criminal prosecutors, civil litigators, investigators, and forensic accountants.

**U.S. Attorneys**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

	U.S. Attorneys		
	Pos	Est. FTE	Amount
<b>2013 Appropriation</b>	<b>10,629</b>	<b>9,766</b>	<b>1,969,687</b>
2013 Rescissions (1.877 % & 0.2%)	0	0	-40,836
2013 Sequester Cut	0	0	-98,600
<b>2013 Enacted with Rescissions and Sequester</b>	<b>10,629</b>	<b>9,766</b>	<b>1,830,251</b>
<b>2014 Enacted</b>	<b>10,624</b>	<b>9,761</b>	<b>1,944,000</b>
<b>2015 Request</b>	<b>10,637</b>	<b>9,768</b>	<b>1,955,327</b>
<b>Change 2015 from 2014 Enacted</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11,327</b>
<b>Technical Adjustments</b>			
<b>Total Technical Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	30,473
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	9,686
<b>Total Base Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40,159</b>
<b>2015 Current Services</b>	<b>10,624</b>	<b>9,761</b>	<b>1,984,159</b>
<b>Program Changes</b>			
<b>Increases:</b>			
Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) Reform	13	7	1,327
Smart on Crime	[103]	[52]	[15,000]
<b>Subtotal, Program Increases</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1,327</b>
<b>Decreases:</b>			
Program Offset - Miscellaneous Program and Administrative Reductions	0	0	-30,159
<b>Subtotal, Program Decreases</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-30,159</b>
<b>Total Program Changes</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-28,832</b>
<b>2015 Request</b>	<b>10,637</b>	<b>9,768</b>	<b>1,955,327</b>

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Comparison by activity and program	2014 Enacted			2015 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount
Criminal Litigation	8,093	7,432	1,464,362	8,093	7,432	1,494,731
Civil Litigation	2,478	2,276	448,000	2,478	2,276	457,293
Legal Education	53	53	31,638	53	53	32,135
<b>Total</b>	10,624	9,761	1,944,000	10,624	9,761	1,984,159
Reimbursable FTE	0	1,559	0	0	1,559	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	10,624	11,320	1,944,000	10,624	11,320	1,984,159

Comparison by activity and program	2015 Total Program Changes			2015 Request		
	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	Est. FTE	Amount
Criminal Litigation	12	6	-21,605	8,105	7,438	1,473,126
Civil Litigation	1	1	-6,853	2,479	2,277	450,440
Legal Education	0	0	-374	53	53	31,761
<b>Total</b>	13	7	-28,832	10,637	9,768	1,955,327
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	1,559	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	13	7	-28,832	10,637	11,327	1,955,327