



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Office of the Solicitor General (OSG)

FY 2022 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2021 Enacted:	\$13.7 million (55 positions; 23 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$378,000
Program Changes:	+\$0
FY 2022 Budget Request:	\$14.1 million (55 positions; 23 attorneys)
Change From FY 2021 Enacted:	+\$378,000 (+2.8%)

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 before 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:

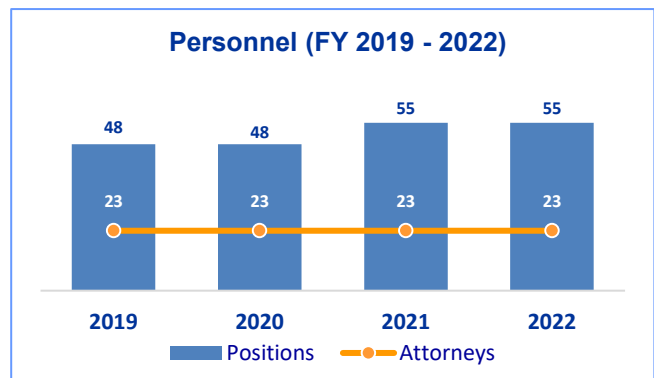
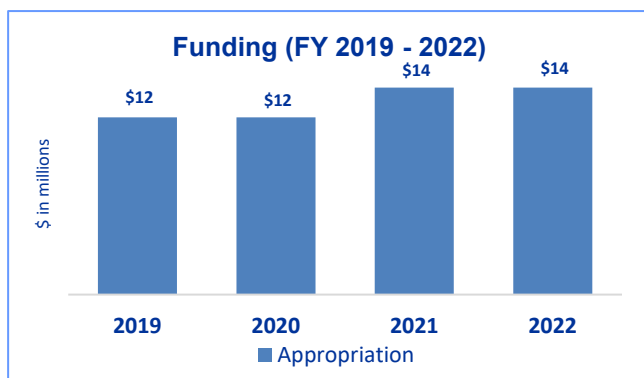
The OSG is headed by the Solicitor General, who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Within the attorney staff, 17 career staff attorneys work with four career Deputy Solicitors General, the Principal Deputy Solicitor General, and the Solicitor General to prepare oral arguments, Supreme Court briefs, and other related legal materials. The 32 support positions are organized into three sections that include the Executive Office, Case Management, and Research and Publications. The Executive Office also supports the administrative functions of the Office of Legal Counsel.

Resources:

The FY 2022 budget request for the OSG totals \$14.1 million, which is a 2.8 percent increase over the FY 2021 Enacted.

Personnel:

The OSG's direct authorized positions for FY 2022 total 55 positions and are the same as FY 2021 Enacted.



FY 2022 Strategy:

In recent years, immigration, constitutional, and criminal cases have been at the heart of the Supreme Court's caseload. For example, with respect to criminal cases, the Supreme Court will decide in its current term whether sentencing a juvenile to life without parole violates the Eighth Amendment if the state characterizes its sentencing scheme as "discretionary"; whether a defendant may be punished as an armed career criminal based in part on a prior crime that requires a mens rea of recklessness; and whether a person who is authorized to access a computer, but uses that access for an unauthorized purpose, violates a Federal computer crime statute. These cases require a substantial devotion of energy in order to understand the intricate statutory, constitutional, and historical context and to assimilate the wide range of views both inside and outside government as to the proper balance of interests in these cases.

The Solicitor General likewise defends the implementation of an expanding set of government programs and congressional enactments. Although the precise docket is impossible to predict, experience suggests that the OSG will continue to be involved in cases defining an array of Federal statutes, including the Securities Act and the Securities Exchange Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Labor Management Relations Act, the Federal Arbitration Act, the Clean Air Act, the Truth in Lending Act, the Immigration and Nationality Act, the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, and the Bankruptcy Code. In preparation for these cases, the OSG attorneys engage in extensive coordination and consultation with the agencies that Congress has directed to implement these statutes.

Finally, the OSG regularly handles important foreign affairs cases, including cases under the Alien Tort Statute and the Torture Victims Protection Act, as well as, important constitutional cases. These cases can affect the structure of government and the relationship between the Branches, and they can have important consequences for the conduct of foreign affairs.

FY 2022 Program Changes:

The budget proposal includes funds for current services; no program changes are requested.

Office of the Solicitor General
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Office of the Solicitor General		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2020 Appropriation	48	44	12,250
2021 Enacted	55	51	13,709
2022 Request	55	51	14,087
Change 2022 from 2021 Enacted	0	0	378
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	300
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	58
Other Adjustments	0	0	20
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	378
2022 Current Services	55	51	14,087
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	0
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	0	0	0
2022 Request	55	51	14,087

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Comparison by activity and program	2021 Enacted			2022 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Federal Appellate Activity	55	51	13,709	55	51	14,087
Total	55	51	13,709	55	51	14,087

Comparison by activity and program	2022 Total Program Changes			2022 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Federal Appellate Activity	0	0	0	55	51	14,087
Total	0	0	0	55	51	14,087