



## GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Office of the Solicitor General (OSG)

### FY 2019 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2018 Continuing Resolution:	\$11.8 million (48 positions; 23 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$588,000
Program Changes:	+\$0
FY 2019 Budget Request:	\$12.4 million (48 positions; 23 attorneys)
Change From FY 2018 Continuing Resolution:	+\$588,000 (+5.0%)

### Mission:

The mission of the 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:

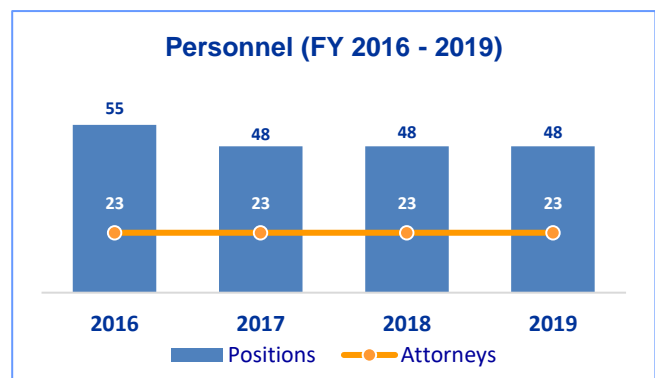
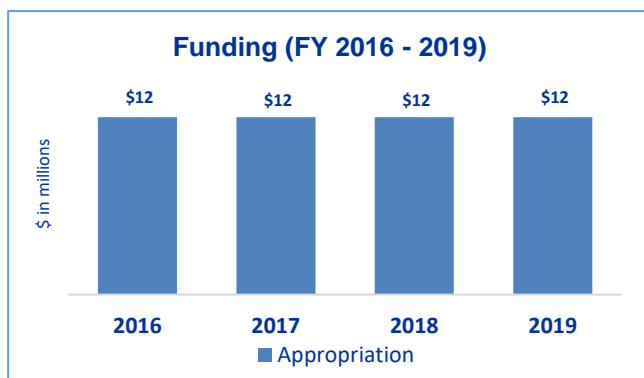
OSG is headed by the Solicitor General, who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Within the attorney staff, 16 career staff attorneys work with three career Deputy Solicitors General, the Principal Deputy Solicitor General, and the Solicitor General to prepare oral arguments, Supreme Court briefs, and other related legal materials. The 25 support positions are organized into three sections that include Administration, Case Management and Research and Publications. The administrative office also supports the administrative functions of the Office of Legal Counsel.

### Resources:

The FY 2019 budget request for OSG totals \$12.4 million, which is a 5.0% increase over the FY 2018 Continuing Resolution.

### Personnel:

OSG's direct positions for FY 2019 total 48 positions and are the same as FY 2018 Continuing Resolution.



\* FY 2018 annualized CR

**FY 2019 Strategy:**

In recent years, immigration, health care, constitutional, and criminal cases have been at the heart of the Supreme Court's caseload. For example, with respect to immigration cases, the Supreme Court will decide in its coming Term whether certain provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act are unconstitutionally vague; when aliens seeking admission to the United States who are subject to mandatory detention must be afforded bond hearings; and whether the Executive may temporarily suspend the entry of certain aliens and refugees abroad. These cases require a substantial devotion of energy in order to understand the intricate statutory framework and to assimilate the wide range of views both inside and outside government as to the proper balance of interests in these cases. In the criminal context, the Court continues to wrestle with issues relating to the scope of constitutional protections in the context of emerging technologies. In preparation for these cases and others, OSG will spend a substantial amount of time and resources to effectively argue these matters.

**FY 2019 Program Changes:**

The budget proposal includes funds for current services for OSG. No program changes are requested.

**Office of the Solicitor General**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Office of the Solicitor General		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
<b>2017 Appropriation</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>11,885</b>
<b>2018 Continuing Resolution</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>11,804</b>
<b>2019 Request</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>12,392</b>
<b>Change 2019 from 2018 Continuing Resolution</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>588</b>
<b>Technical Adjustments</b>			
CR Base Adjustment	0	0	112
<b>Total Technical Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Base Adjustments</b>			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	41
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	435
<b>Total Base Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>476</b>
<b>2019 Current Services</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>12,392</b>
<b>Program Changes</b>			
<b>Increases:</b>			
<b>Subtotal, Program Increases</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Decreases:</b>			
<b>Subtotal, Program Decreases</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Program Changes</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2019 Request</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>12,392</b>

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Comparison by activity and program	2018 Continuing Resolution			2019 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Federal Appellate Activity	48	48	11,804	48	48	12,392
<b>Total</b>	48	48	11,804	48	48	12,392
<b>Grand Total</b>	48	48	11,804	48	48	12,392

Comparison by activity and program	2019 Total Program Changes			2019 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Federal Appellate Activity	0	0	0	48	48	12,392
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	48	48	12,392
<b>Grand Total</b>	0	0	0	48	48	12,392