



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Office of the Solicitor General (OSG)

FY 2020 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2019 Continuing Resolution:	\$11.9 million (48 positions; 23 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$206,000
Program Changes:	+\$397,000
FY 2020 Budget Request:	\$12.5 million (51 positions; 23 attorneys)
Change From FY 2019 Continuing Resolution:	+\$603,000 (+5.1%) (+3 positions)

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:

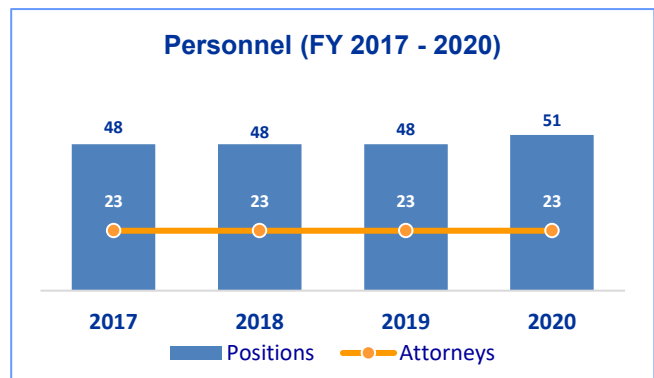
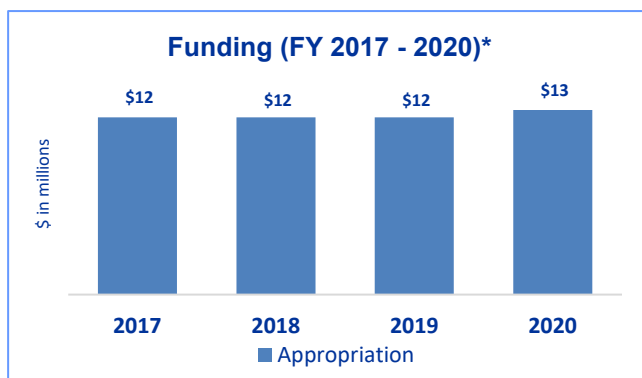
OSG is headed by the Solicitor General, who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Within the attorney staff, 16 career staff attorneys work with three career Deputy Solicitors General, the Principal Deputy Solicitor General, and the Solicitor General to prepare oral arguments, Supreme Court briefs, and other related legal materials. The 27 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 2020 budget request for OSG totals \$12.5 million, which is a 5.1% increase over the FY 2019 Continuing Resolution.

Personnel:

The OSG's direct positions for FY 2020 total 51 positions. OSG's FY 2020 request includes an increase of 3 positions over the FY 2019 Continuing Resolution of 48 direct positions.



* FY 2019 annualized CR

FY 2020 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 criminal cases, the Supreme Court decided in its current term whether state and federal authorities can continue to successively prosecute individuals for the same criminal offenses; whether it is constitutional for Congress to prescribe mandatory terms of reimprisonment for supervised release offenses; and whether Congress may authorize the Attorney General to promulgate regulations delimiting the applicability of statutory requirements backed by criminal penalties. 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. In the civil context, the Court continues to wrestle with issues relating to emerging technologies. For instance, in *Apple v. Pepper*, the Court considered the application of antitrust principles to Apple's marketplace for cell phone apps. In preparation for this case and others, OSG attorneys spent substantial time and resources to understand the workings of both the technology and the relevant market.

FY 2020 Program Changes:

Administrative Personnel: \$397,000 and 3 positions (1 Administrative position, 1 Paralegal and 1 Supervisor position)

OSG has been asked by the Attorney General to play a leading role in the development of complex immigration litigation. Attorneys in OSG have also increasingly been asked to brief and argue particularly important criminal cases in the en banc stage in the appellate courts including matters involving firearms regulation, computer searches, and finance regulations. Given the projection of a steady increase in casework, OSG is requesting additional resources.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Office of the Solicitor General		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2018 Appropriation	48	48	\$11,885
2019 Continuing Resolution	48	48	\$11,885
2020 Request	51	51	\$12,488
Change 2020 from 2019 Continuing Resolution	3	3	\$603
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	\$0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	142
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	64
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	\$206
2020 Current Services	48	48	\$12,091
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Professional/Administrative Positions	3	3	397
Subtotal, Program Increases	3	3	\$397
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	\$0
Total Program Changes	3	3	\$397
2020 Request	51	51	\$12,488

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Comparison by activity and program	2019 Continuing Resolution			2020 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Federal Appellate Activity	48	48	\$11,885	48	48	\$12,091
Total	48	48	\$11,885	48	48	\$12,091
Grand Total	48	48	\$11,885	48	48	\$12,091

Comparison by activity and program	2020 Total Program Changes			2020 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Federal Appellate Activity	3	3	\$397	51	51	\$12,488
Total	3	3	\$397	51	51	\$12,488
Grand Total	3	3	\$397	51	51	\$12,488