



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Office of the Solicitor General (OSG)

FY 2017 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2016 Enacted:	\$11.9 million (55 positions; 23 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$43,000
Program Changes:	+\$0
FY 2017 Budget Request:	\$11.9 million (55 positions; 23 attorneys)
Change From FY 2016 Enacted:	+\$43,000 (+0.4%)

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 34 support positions are organized into three sections that include Administration, Case Management and Research and Publications.

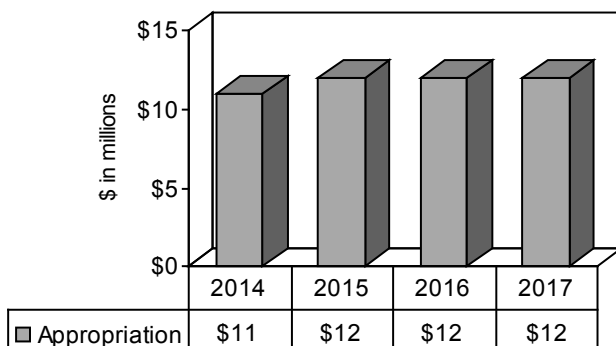
Resources:

The FY 2017 budget request for OSG totals \$11.9 million, which is a 0.4% increase over the FY 2016 Enacted level.

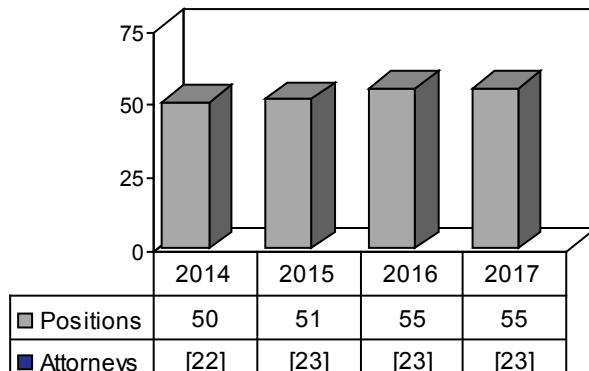
Personnel:

The OSG's direct positions for FY 2017 total 55 positions and are the same as the FY 2016 Enacted level.

Funding (FY 2014 - 2017)



Personnel (FY 2014 - 2017)



FY 2017 Strategy:

The 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 is obligated to respond in some way, either by filing a brief or (after review of the case) waiving the 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. Such activity may vary widely from year to year.

FY 2017 Program Changes:

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

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(Dollars in Thousands)

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	Pos.	FTE	Amount
2015 Appropriation	51	47	11,678
2016 Enacted	55	56	11,885
2017 Request	55	56	11,928
Change 2017 from 2016 Enacted	0	0	43
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	72
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	-29
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	43
2017 Current Services	55	56	11,928
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	0
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	0	0	0
2017 Request	55	56	11,928

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Comparison by activity and program	2016 Enacted			2017 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Federal Appellate Activity	55	56	11,885	55	56	11,928
Total	55	56	11,885	55	56	11,928
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	55	56	11,885	55	56	11,928

Comparison by activity and program	2017 Total Program Changes			2017 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Federal Appellate Activity	0	0	0	55	56	11,928
Total	0	0	0	55	56	11,928
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	0	0	0	55	56	11,928