

# U.S. Department of Justice FY 2023 Budget Request

## Ensure Economic Opportunity and Fairness for All (Amounts in \$000s)

<b>Component / Initiative</b>	Positions	Agents/ Attorneys	\$000s
Antitrust Division (ATR)			
Increased Antitrust Enforcement	247	112	\$27,400
Modernizing Antitrust Information Technology	25	0	38,494
Subtotal, ATR	272	112	\$65,894
Civil Division (CIV)			
Data Privacy and Identity Integrity	6	6	\$990
Civil Fraud	7	6	845
Subtotal, CIV	13	12	\$1,835
Criminal Division (CRM)			
Enhancing the Division's Data Analytics	6	4	\$1,471
White Collar Investigations	5	5	1,000
Subtotal, CRM	11	9	\$2,471
Tax Division			
Increased Enforcement	20	14	\$4,292
Subtotal, TAX	20	14	\$4,292
U.S. Attorneys (USA)			
White Collar Crime Investigations	15	0	\$2,000
Subtotal, USA	15	0	\$2,000
U.S. Trustees (USTP)			
Criminal Enforcement Coordinators	3	3	\$392
Subtotal, USTP	3	3	\$392
Vaccine Injury Compensation Trust Fund (Vaccine)			
Vaccine Injury Compensation Program	29	26	\$10,000
Subtotal, Vaccine	29	26	\$10,000
Total Resources	363	176	\$86,884

The FY 2023 President's Budget for the Department requests **\$86.9 million** and **363 positions (176 attorneys/agents)** dedicated to promoting economic opportunity and fairness for all Americans. This request will allow the Department to promote economic competition through enforcing and providing guidance on antitrust laws; protect the Government from fraud, waste, and abuse; prosecute corporate crime; oversee the administration of bankruptcy cases; and enforce the Nation's tax laws fully, fairly, and consistently.

# Antitrust Division (ATR): \$65.9 million and 272 positions (112 attorneys)

**Increased Antitrust Enforcement: \$27.4 million and 247 positions (112 attorneys)** The ATR is requesting additional resources that will enable the Division to fully address its historically high investigative, litigation, and program support workload. This funding will allow the ATR to meet the challenges presented by its growing civil and criminal enforcement programs. The request also includes support staff and provides office space for the new positions. *Current services are \$207.1 million and 750 positions (369 attorneys)*.

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### Modernizing Antitrust Information Technology (IT): \$38.5 million and 25 positions

The ATR is hindered by outdated IT infrastructure that strains to support litigation against sophisticated defendants. The existing infrastructure cannot sustain the Division's current level of operations, much less the anticipated increase that will come as investigations produce larger and larger volumes of data. This request will resolve enterprise-wide systemic shortcomings that limit the Division's ability to execute its mission. *Current services are \$38.3 million and 44 positions*.

### **Civil Division (CIV): \$1.8 million and 13 positions (12 attorneys)**

#### Data Privacy and Identity Integrity: \$1.0 million and 6 positions (6 attorneys)

The request will enable the Consumer Protection Branch (CPB) to scale up and more vigorously pursue enforcement actions to combat rising data-privacy and identity-integrity violations. Responding to growing concerns about the misuse of information stored about consumers, the CPB has focused efforts on ensuring consumers' data privacy and identity integrity. Through collaboration with agency partners and the use of both civil and criminal tools, these efforts have resulted in landmark successes over the last year, securing billions of dollars in penalties from corporate offenders. These cases are time- and resource- intensive to develop, require the review of enormous amounts of data, and involve novel issues contested by sophisticated defense counsel. *There are no current services for this initiative*.

### Civil Fraud: \$845,000 and 7 positions (6 attorneys)

This request will provide CIV's Fraud Section with critical resources to pursue and hold accountable those who exploit Federal health care programs, protecting both taxpayer dollars and the health of the American public. This increase will significantly enhance the Fraud Section's efforts and provide for the necessary data analytic tools needed to investigate and litigate the potentially unlawful conduct identified through investigations and ongoing data analytics, related to health care fraud. This includes Medicare Managed Care Fraud; and Telehealth Fraud. *Current services are \$6.0 million and 35 positions (26 attorneys).* 

### Criminal Division (CRM): \$2.5 million and 11 positions (9 attorneys/agents)

**Enhancing the Division's Data Analytics: \$1.5 million and 6 positions (4 attorneys)** The requested resources will improve the Division's data analytics capabilities in complex corporate criminal cases and corporate enforcement. Additional resources are essential in these cases because the amount of evidence collected for them has increased dramatically and continuously over the last 10 to 15 years. Building upon its nationwide success with data-driven investigative techniques in its health care fraud enforcement efforts, the Fraud Section has expanded those techniques into foreign bribery and corruption, complex market manipulation and securities, and commodities fraud enforcement. *Current services are \$1.9 million and 10 positions*.

### White Collar Investigations: \$1.0 million and 5 positions (5 agents)

This request provides funding to combat fraud and protect consumers. This request will fund five agents who will focus on proactive case generation and on identifying leads to pursue through further investigation. These investigators would assist in devising an investigative plan, including issuing grand jury subpoenas and identifying witnesses to interview. They would also assist with other investigative processes and serve as a credible liaison to other law enforcement agencies. *There are no current services for this initiative*.

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# Tax Division (TAX): \$4.3 million and 20 positions (14 attorneys)

### **Increased Enforcement**

This request will allow TAX to keep pace with the increases in workload resulting from the Administration's and Congress' focus on closing the tax gap through increased tax enforcement. This increase is necessary to address the additional cases and complexity of issues that TAX anticipates in FY 2023. As the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) ramps up efforts to combat sophisticated tax evasion, TAX expects a proportional increase in work referred to it by the IRS, which is the principal source of its workload. *Current Services are \$117.0 million and 499 positions (377 attorneys)*.

### U.S. Attorneys (USA): \$2.0 million and 15 positions

### White Collar Crime Investigations

This funding will be used to investigate all forms of corporate crimes by ensuring that the U.S. Attorneys' offices are equipped with specialists to examine and analyze the varying forms of corporate crimes, to include financial institution fraud, corporate fraud, health care fraud, procurement fraud, intellectual property violations, and other financial crimes. The U.S. Attorneys will make every effort to ensure a sustained economic recovery by deterring the Nation's white-collar offenders. *Current services are \$248.3 million and 1,328 positions (903 attorneys)*.

### U.S. Trustees (USTP): \$392,000 and 3 positions (3 attorneys)

### **Criminal Enforcement Coordinators**

The USTP is requesting funds for additional staffing necessary to coordinate and guide the Program's criminal enforcement activities. With the additional staffing, the Program will be able to address fraud and abuse in the bankruptcy system, including initiatives targeting vulnerable and disadvantaged populations. *Current services are \$397,000 and two positions (one attorney)*.

#### <u>Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP): \$10.0 million and 29 positions (26 attorneys)</u> Vaccine Injury Compensation Program

The VICP has experienced a staggering and unrelenting increase in its caseload over the past seven years, with no expectation of abatement. This request will also help address a growing backlog from new petitions filed in FY 2021, whichsaw the third-highest number of petitions ever filed in the Program's 33-year history. Into FY 2023, the program will continue to face an overwhelming workload from casefilings related to the human papillomavirus vaccine, as well as the expectation that the VICP will be called upon to assume responsibility for the coronavirus vaccines as well. Therefore, this request is needed both to adequately manage the growing backlog as well as to address the expected continued growth. *Current services are \$21.7 million and 90 positions (71 attorneys)*.

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### For additional information, please consult the FY 2023 Budget and Performance Summary.