

General Legal Activities

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* Refer to the General Legal Activities Components' Exhibits

I. Overview for General Legal Activities

The General Legal Activities (GLA) appropriation is requesting a total of 4,475 permanent positions, 4,396 workyears (and an additional 524 reimbursable workyears) and \$955,391,000. This resource level represents program improvements of 8 positions, 5 workyears and \$3,374,000 and program offsets of \$1,250,000. The FY 2012 request includes net adjustments-to-base (ATBs) of 163 positions, 276 workyears, and \$78,170,000. The ATB increases are requested to enable the appropriation to keep pace with inflation. This request also includes the realignment of the Office of Dispute Resolution (ODR) functions, transferring resources of 3 positions, 3 workyears and \$802 thousand to the General Administration appropriation. The FY 2012 program improvements and program offsets are outlined below. Specific details about individual programs are discussed in the General Legal Activities Components' Budgets.

PROGRAM INCREASES:

Federal Appellate Activity

Office of Solicitor General: 2 positions, 2 workyears and \$.424 million

Strengthening Transnational Enforcement of Intellectual Property Law

Criminal Division: 6 positions, 3 workyears and \$2.950 million

PROGRAM OFFSETS:

Administrative Efficiencies: \$.805 million

All GLA Components

Extend Technology Refresh: \$.445 million

All GLA Components

Appropriation Language

New language proposed for FY 2012 is *italicized and underlined*.

Salaries and Expenses, General Legal Activities

For expenses necessary for the legal activities of the Department of Justice, not otherwise provided for, including not to exceed \$20,000 for expenses of collecting evidence, to be expended under the direction of, and to be accounted for solely under the certificate of, the Attorney General; and rent of private or Government-owned space in the District of Columbia, \$955,391,000, of which not to exceed \$10,000,000 for litigation support contracts shall remain available until expended: Provided, That of the total amount appropriated, not to exceed \$10,000 shall be available to INTERPOL Washington for official reception and representation expenses: Provided further, That notwithstanding section 205 of this Act, upon a determination by the Attorney General that emergent circumstances require additional funding for litigation activities of the Civil Division, the Attorney General may transfer such amounts to "Salaries and Expenses, General Legal Activities" from available appropriations for the current fiscal year for the Department of Justice, as may be necessary to respond to such circumstances: Provided further, That any transfer pursuant to the previous proviso shall be treated as a reprogramming under section 505 of this Act and shall not be available for obligation or expenditure except in compliance with the procedures set forth in that section: Provided further, That of the amount appropriated, such sums as may be necessary shall be available to reimburse the Office of Personnel Management for salaries and expenses associated with the election monitoring program under section 8 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973f): Provided further, That of the amounts provided under this heading for the election monitoring program \$3,390,000, shall remain available until expended.

In addition, for reimbursement of expenses of the Department of Justice associated with processing cases under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, not to exceed \$7,833,000, to be appropriated from the Vaccine Injury Compensation Trust Fund.

Note.—A full-year 2011 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, this account is operating under a continuing resolution (P.L. 111–242, as amended). The amounts included for 2011 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

Analysis of Appropriation Language

No substantive changes proposed

Note: The FY 2012 President's Budget uses the FY 2011 President's Budget language as a base so all language is presented as new.