28 U.S.C. § 519 – Supervision of Litigation

Except as otherwise authorized by law, the Attorney General shall supervise all litigation to which the United States, an agency, or officer thereof is a party, and shall direct all United States attorneys, assistant United States attorneys, and special attorneys appointed under Section 543 of this title in the discharge of their respective duties.

Historical And Revision Notes

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28 U.S.C. [None]. 507(b).

The words "Except as otherwise authorized by law," are added to provide for existing and future exceptions (e.g., Section 1037 of title 10). The words "or officer" are added for clarity and to align this section with Section 516 which is of similar import.

The words "special attorneys appointed under Section 543" are substituted for "attorneys appointed under Section 543" to reflect the revision of this title.

USE OF ANNUITY BROKERS IN STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS

Pub. L. 107-273, div. C, title I, Sec. 11015, Nov. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 1824, provided that: "(a) Establishment and Transmission of List of Approved Annuity Brokers. - Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 2, 2002], the Attorney General shall establish a list of annuity brokers who meet minimum qualifications for providing annuity brokerage services in connection with structured settlements entered by the United States.

This list shall be updated upon request by any annuity broker that meets the minimum qualifications for inclusion on the list. The Attorney General shall transmit such list, and any updates to such list, to all United States Attorneys. "(b) Authority To Select Annuity Broker for Structured Settlements. - In any structured settlement that is not negotiated exclusively through the Civil Division of the Department of Justice, the United States Attorney (or his designee) involved in any settlement negotiations shall have the exclusive authority to select an annuity broker from the list of such brokers established by the Attorney General, provided that all documents related to any settlement comply with Department of Justice requirements."
