

# UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Assistant United States Attorney  
Civil Division, Affirmative Unit  
Fresno, California  
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15-EDCA-08A

## **About the Office:**

The Fresno Office of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California serves the counties of Calaveras, Tuolumne, Stanislaus, Mariposa, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Inyo, and Kern.

## **Responsibilities and Opportunity Offered:**

The United States Attorney is seeking an experienced attorney to serve as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Civil Division, Affirmative Litigation Unit. The mission of the Affirmative Litigation Unit is to enforce Federal laws in civil proceedings and to recover damages and fines for the United States. The cases are litigated almost exclusively in Federal court, and include civil mortgage fraud enforcement, procurement fraud and health care fraud cases, and tort actions to recover for destruction of Federal forest land by fire.

The Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) will be dedicated to handling civil and criminal forfeiture matters and working closely with criminal prosecutors to ensure that forfeiture is an integral part of every appropriate criminal case.

This announcement is to fill one position; however, depending on the needs of the office, additional positions may be filled using this announcement.

**Please note: This is a term position not-to-exceed September 30, 2015, subject to availability of funds. This position may be extended, or made permanent, without further advertising.**

## **Who May Apply:**

Any U.S. Citizen

## **Qualifications:**

Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be duly licensed and authorized to practice as an attorney under the laws of a State, territory, or the District of Columbia, and have at least one year of post-J.D. experience. Applicants must be active members in good standing of the bar (any jurisdiction). Ideal qualifications include at least five years of experience litigating cases in federal courts, with substantial responsibility for all aspects of discovery, trial, and appeals.

Applicants must have a demonstrated capacity to function with minimal supervision in a highly demanding environment, exceptional brief writing

and oral advocacy skills, excellent analytical ability, and good judgment. In addition, applicants must exhibit the ability to work in a supportive and professional manner with other attorneys, paralegals, support staff and client agencies.

The ideal candidate will have some subject matter expertise in asset forfeiture, federal civil procedure, and federal criminal law, including money laundering.

**Type of Position:** This is a term position not-to-exceed September 30, 2015. This position may be extended or made permanent without further competition.

**Travel:** The position is based in Fresno. Regular travel to the U.S. Attorney's Sacramento Office will be required. Travel elsewhere will occasionally be required.

**Salary Information:** Assistant United States Attorneys' pay is administratively determined, based in part on the number of years of professional attorney experience. The current recruiting range of pay is \$51,917 to \$137,409 including 14.16% locality pay for the Fresno area.

**Location:** Fresno, California

Fresno is one of the fastest growing cities in California, due in part to its central location to major tourist areas in California. Fresno is located in the middle of the fertile San Joaquin Valley, also known as the Central Valley, which is a major supplier of food and agricultural products for the United States and the world. This area also includes national treasures such as Yosemite National Park and Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Forest.

**Relocation Expenses:** Relocation expenses are not authorized.

**Application Process and Deadline Date:** Interested applicants should send a resume, cover letter, and writing sample to:

United States Attorney's Office  
ATTN: Phillip Talbert  
501 I Street, Suite 10-100  
Sacramento, CA 95814.

Resumes should include a detailed description of employment history, to include dates of employment (month/year). **This position is open until filled but no later than Monday, June 1, 2015.** Please include the vacancy announcement number listed at the top of this announcement (**15-EDCA-08A**) on your resume and cover letter. No telephone calls please.

**Security Requirements:** Initial appointment is conditioned upon a satisfactory pre-employment

adjudication. This includes fingerprint, tax and credit checks, and drug testing. In addition, continued employment is subject to a favorable adjudication of a background investigation.

**Internet Sites:**

This and other attorney vacancy announcements can be found at: <http://www.justice.gov/careers/legal-careers/vacancies.html> and <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/cae>

**Department Policies:**

Following appointment, Assistant United States Attorneys generally must reside in the district to which they are appointed. See 28 U.S.C. § 545 for district-specific information.

All initial attorney appointments to the Department of Justice are made on a time-limited (temporary) basis. Temporary appointments may, or may not, be extended or made permanent without further competition.

The U.S. Department of Justice is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. Except where otherwise provided by law, there will be no discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, color, race, religion, national origin, politics, marital status, disability, age, status as a parent, membership or non-membership in an employee organization, or personal favoritism. The Department of Justice welcomes and encourages applications from persons with physical and mental disabilities. The Department is firmly committed to satisfying its affirmative obligations under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to ensure that persons with disabilities have every opportunity to be hired and advanced on the basis of merit within the Department of Justice. This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

It is the policy of the Department to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment. Employment is also contingent upon the completion and satisfactory adjudication of a background investigation. Only U.S. citizens are eligible for employment with the Executive Office for Immigration Review and the United States Attorneys' Offices. Unless otherwise indicated in a particular job advertisement, non-U.S. citizens may apply for employment with other organizations, but should be advised that appointments of non-U.S. citizens are extremely rare; such appointments would be possible only if necessary to accomplish the Department's mission and would be subject to strict security requirements. Applicants who hold dual citizenship in the U.S. and another country will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

There is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference to attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, the Department of Justice considers veterans' preference eligibility as a positive factor in attorney

hiring. Applicants eligible for veterans' preference must include that information in their cover letter or resume and attach supporting documentation (e.g., the DD 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty and other supporting documentation) to their submissions. Although the "point" system is not used, per se, applicants eligible to claim 10-point preference must submit Standard Form (SF) 15, Application for 10-Point Veteran Preference, and submit the supporting documentation required for the specific type of preference claimed (visit the OPM website, <http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdfimage/sf0015.pdf> for a copy of SF 15, which lists the types of 10-Point preferences and the required supporting documents). Applicants should note that SF 15 requires supporting documentation associated with service-connected disabilities or receipt of non-service-connected disability pensions to be dated 1991 or later except in the case of service members submitting official statements or retirement orders from a branch of the Armed Forces showing that his or her retirement was due to a permanent service-connected disability or that he/she was transferred to the permanent disability retired list (the statement or retirement orders must indicate that the disability is 10% or more).

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