

# UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

**Special Assistant United States Attorney (Uncompensated)  
Criminal Division, Misdemeanor Unit  
Sacramento, California**

**June 3, 2014**

**14-EDCA-16A**

**About the Office:**

The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California is based in Sacramento. The District includes the Central Valley and Sierra Nevada Mountains and encompasses most of the land mass of California -- from the Coastal Mountain Range to the Nevada border, and from Bakersfield in the south to the Oregon border. The Sacramento office serves the northern counties of the district: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sutter, Trinity, Tehama, Yolo, and Yuba.

**Responsibilities and  
Opportunity Offered:**

Employment with the United States Attorney's Office offers a unique and challenging experience for highly motivated attorneys, including opportunities to work on their own caseload and handle their own trials. Working in the Criminal Division, Sacramento office, the Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA) will be part of a dedicated team helping to enforce Federal criminal laws with an emphasis on prosecuting misdemeanor violations within the Eastern District of California. The SAUSA will receive substantial training in investigating and prosecuting federal crimes, and will have the opportunity to attend formal training or conferences with SAUSAs and Assistant United States Attorneys (AUSAs) from districts across the country.

This is an open continuous announcement not to exceed June 2, 2015 to fill current and future vacancies in our Criminal Division, Misdemeanor Unit.

**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. Applicants must be active members in good standing of the bar (any U.S. jurisdiction) and have at least one year of post J.D. legal or other relevant experience.

United States Citizenship is required.

**Travel:**

The position is based in Sacramento. Travel will occasionally be required.

**Type of Position/Salary:**

This is a one-year appointment without compensation. Employee benefits for this position will be limited.

Note: Employees of the Department of Justice, including uncompensated Special Assistant United States Attorneys, may not engage in the compensated practice of law outside the office. Attorneys are not eligible to serve as Special Assistant United States Attorneys if they have had an employment offer deferred by a law firm and received a payment for the period of their deferral with the expectation of future employment with the law firm, or if they will receive any payment from a law firm during their unpaid employment with the Department of Justice. In addition, contractors, including employees of contractors who do business with the Department of Justice, and who also are attorneys, are not eligible to serve as uncompensated Special Assistant United States Attorneys. 5 CFR 3801.106, Outside Employment, prohibits, generally Department attorneys from engaging in the compensated outside practice of law, with the exception of law professors. Attorneys in this category are employed to teach law, and are not otherwise engaged in the compensated outside practice of law.

**Location:**

Sacramento, California

Sacramento, the state capital, is located in the heart of California. The city has been on the move since it became the capital in 1854 and is now one of the fastest growing regions in the United States. Sacramento is home to professional ballet, opera, and theater companies, including the Sacramento Music Circus, providing a wide range of cultural activities and events. Professional sports are represented by the Sacramento Kings of the NBA, the Sacramento Mountain Lions of the United Football League (UFL), and the Sacramento River Cats, a Triple-A baseball team. Bound by two rivers, water recreation tops the list for outdoor activities such as salmon fishing, river rafting, and boating. Nearby Folsom Lake and Lake Natoma offer sailing and windsurfing. Sacramento is located 90 miles northeast of San Francisco and approximately 90 miles west of Lake Tahoe and the Sierra Nevada mountain range, providing numerous recreational opportunities for skiing and boating enthusiasts.

**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 is an open continuous announcement not to exceed Tuesday, June 2, 2015, to fill current and**

**future vacancies.** Please include the vacancy announcement number listed at the top of this announcement (**14-EDCA-16A**) on your resume and cover letter. No telephone calls please.

**Security Requirements:**

Initial appointment is conditioned upon a satisfactory preemployment adjudication. This includes fingerprint, credit and tax 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/attvacancies.html> and <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/cae>

**Department Policies:**

Following appointment, Special Assistant United States Attorneys generally must reside in the district to which they are appointed or within 25 miles thereof. See 28 U.S.C. § 545 for district-specific information.

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 nonservice-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).

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 without further competition.