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External Factors that May Affect Goal Achievement

The table below summarizes the major elements that may affect goal achievement.

TABLE 2. External factors that may affect goal achievement			
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TERRORISM AND THE CHANGING POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT			
Foreign political movements, whether state-sponsored or the work of particular groups or individuals, may use terror to achieve their aims and target U.S. persons or interests at home or abroad.			
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TECHNOLOGY			
Advances in high speed telecommunications, computers and other technologies are creating new opportunities for criminals, new classes of crimes, and new challenges for law enforcement.			
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Growing dependence on technology is creating an increasing vulnerability to illegal acts, especially white collar crimes and terrorism.			
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ECONOMY			
Possible increases in consumer debt may affect bankruptcy filings.			
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Deregulation, economic growth, and globalization are changing the volume and nature of anti-competitive behavior.			
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ECONOMY (CONTINUED)			
The interconnected nature of the world's economy is increasing opportunities for criminal activity, including money laundering, white collar crime, and alien smuggling.			
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The interconnected nature of the world's economy is increasing the complexity and scope of civil justice matters.			
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The uncertain U.S. labor market may make it more difficult for the Department to predict its ability to attract/retain workers with the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities.			
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GOVERNMENT			
Changes in the fiscal posture or policies of state and local governments could have dramatic effects on the capacity of state and local governments to remain effective law enforcement partners.			
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The ability and willingness of state and local governments to allow federal use of their jail space affects achievement of detention goals.			
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Issues of criminal and civil justice increasingly transcend national boundaries, require the cooperation of foreign governments, and involve treaty obligations, multinational environment and trade agreements, and other foreign policy concerns.			
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SOCIAL-DEMOGRAPHIC			
The level of criminal activity is influenced by societal attitudes toward the use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol.			
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The number of adolescents and young adults, now the most crime-prone segment of the population, is expected to grow rapidly over the next several years.			
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The United States is an increasingly multi-cultural and multi-racial society. The extent to which societal attitudes and practices reflect a continuing commitment to tolerance, diversity, and equality affects the scope and nature of our work.			
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Achieving our goals depends on strong institutions - families, schools, churches, neighborhood groups, and others - that inspire trust, build community, promote civic and individual responsibility and help secure voluntary compliance with the rule of law.			
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THE UNPREDICTABLE			
The Department is required to respond to emergency or special situations - whether a terrorist incident, a computer attack, a high-profile court proceeding, a school shooting, or some other event - that strains our time, attention and resources.			
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Changes in federal laws may affect our responsibilities and workload.			
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Much of the Department's litigation caseload is defensive. The Department has little control over the number, size, and complexity of the civil lawsuits it must defend.			
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