A Culture of Inclusion

The Antitrust Division has long been committed to providing a welcoming and inclusive work environment to employees of all backgrounds. Our Diversity Committee is dedicated to the continued enhancement of the Division’s efforts to recruit, train, and support a staff that reflects the American public we serve. Learn more about the Division’s inclusive work environment, Diversity Committee, as well as the Department’s various affinity groups, at http://www.justice.gov/atr/diversity.
Why Choose the Antitrust Division?

The mission of the Antitrust Division is to protect American consumers from anticompetitive transactions and conduct. Paralegals play a central role in the Division’s efforts to accomplish this mission and are heavily involved in many aspects of the investigation and litigation processes. Each paralegal is assigned to a particular section and works closely with the attorneys in preparing their cases. The Division’s paralegals perform a multitude of tasks, including conducting factual and legal research, assisting with witness interviews and depositions, coordinating discovery, proofreading motions and legal memoranda, and being a part of trial teams. New paralegals are able to immediately take on significant responsibility due to the Division’s excellent training opportunities, as well as the support of colleagues. Experience in antitrust is not required.

What Types of Cases Does the Division Handle?

The Division’s paralegals work alongside attorneys to represent the American public in civil and criminal federal antitrust cases throughout the U.S. The Division prosecutes certain violations of the antitrust laws by filing criminal charges that can lead to large fines and jail sentences. In other cases, the Division institutes civil actions seeking court orders forbidding future violations of the antitrust laws or enjoining anticompetitive transactions.

Examples of recent Division investigations and litigation include:

- **Anthem/Cigna and Aetna/Humana** (civil challenges to proposed mergers in the health insurance agency)
- **Halliburton/Baker Hughes** (merger between leading companies in oilfield services markets abandoned after the Division raised competitive concerns)
- **Electrolux/General Electric** (acquisition combining two leading manufacturers of ranges, cooktops, and wall ovens sold in the United States abandoned after four-week trial)
- **Comcast/Time Warner** (merger abandoned after the Division raised competitive concerns)
- **Foreign Exchange Spot Market Manipulation** (criminal investigation that has resulted in over $2.5 billion in fines and criminal charges against four major international financial institutions)
- **Auto Parts Manufacturers** (criminal investigation that has resulted in over $2.8 billion in fines and the prosecution of over 110 corporate and individual defendants for fixing the prices of more than 45 automotive parts)

For more information about recent cases, please visit: http://www.justice.gov/atr/public/press_releases/2015/index.html

How Do I Apply?

The Antitrust Division hires recent college graduates, as well as qualified individuals with relevant academic and work experience. All paralegals should possess strong analytical, writing, research, and communication skills. Paralegals should also be able to work collaboratively on large teams.

To apply, please submit a resume, college transcripts, and any other relevant supporting documents to “Paralegal Specialist” job announcements that are posted by the Department of Justice on www.usajobs.gov. Antitrust Division postings contain the letters “ATR” in the announcement number.

The Antitrust Division has offices in Chicago, New York, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. Depending on available positions, applicants have the option of applying to any of our locations.