

PROGRAM DETAILS

Trial attorneys in the Fellowship Program will be hired through the Attorney General's Honors Program for a three-year term. There is no guarantee of employment at the end of the three-year term. More information about the Attorney General's Honors Program, including hiring eligibility and application requirements, is available at:

www.justice.gov/careers/legal/entry.html

For more information about MLARS and its other units, please visit:

<https://www.justice.gov/criminal-mlars>

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<https://www.justice.gov/legal-careers/entry-level-and-experienced-attorneys-conditions-employment>

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ASSET FORFEITURE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The Asset Forfeiture Fellowship Program recruits, trains, and mentors bright and ambitious entry-level attorneys in asset forfeiture and money laundering law, practice, and policy in order to develop the next generation of asset forfeiture and money laundering professionals.

DESCRIPTION

Trial attorneys in the Fellowship Program participate in cutting-edge litigation as members of the Money Laundering and Forfeiture Unit of the Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section (MLARS). Trial attorneys further develop their skills through extensive training and two detail opportunities – one a federal prosecution experience, the other a forfeiture and money laundering-focused experience. Following completion of the Fellowship Program, trial attorneys will be competitive for positions as federal prosecutors, particularly as forfeiture and money laundering prosecutors in U.S. Attorneys' offices.

HISTORY

This fall MLARS will welcome its ninth class of Fellowship trial attorneys, with three new trial attorneys starting in the Fellowship Program. MLARS plans to have ten trial attorneys in the program for Fiscal Year 2020. As of August 2019, eighteen trial attorneys have successfully completed the Fellowship Program. Fellowship attorneys have gained employment with U.S. Attorneys' offices and DOJ Criminal Division components.



The need for prosecutors with expertise in money laundering and asset forfeiture has never been greater. The Fellowship Program offers new attorneys the best opportunity to develop that expertise. As a Fellow who worked with partners from across the globe on a variety of cutting-edge matters, I was well-prepared and excited to continue that work as an AUSA.

**- Neal B. Christiansen, AUSA (W.D. Wash.)
Former Fellowship Trial Attorney**



OUTCOMES

At the conclusion of the program, our trial attorneys will be able to:

1. Apply the appropriate asset forfeiture and money laundering statutes, case law, rules and regulations, and policies to a particular set of facts.

2. Lead a financial investigation and recommend either criminal prosecution or civil litigation.

3. Assess, organize, and litigate criminal and civil asset forfeiture actions.

4. Litigate effectively in federal courts around the country.

5. Address policy, legislative, and program operation issues with the goal of improving and enhancing the Department's Asset Forfeiture Program.

6. Develop positive working relationships with other members of the asset forfeiture and law enforcement community.