



ASSET FORFEITURE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section

Criminal Division

U.S. Department of Justice

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 a federal prosecution detail 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 14th class of Fellowship trial attorneys, with 4 new trial attorneys starting in the Fellowship Program. MLARS plans to have 10 trial attorneys in the program for Fiscal Year 2025. As of July 2024, 33 trial attorneys have successfully completed the Fellowship Program. Fellowship attorneys have gained employment with U.S. Attorneys' offices and other DOJ components.



The Asset Forfeiture Fellowship program provided me the opportunity to serve as a Trial Attorney, which put me on the fast track to getting an AUSA position because forfeiture skills are so unique and sought after. Just a few years out of the Fellowship Program, I was able to brief and argue an issue of national importance in front of the 9th Circuit. And I won. The knowledge I gained during the Fellowship helped springboard me into a position of trust in my office. It's quite a thrill to have 30-year career prosecutors coming to you with questions and relying on your answers.

- Julia Jarrett, AUSA (D. Ore.)
Former Fellowship Trial Attorney



OUTCOMES

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

- Apply the appropriate asset forfeiture and money laundering statutes, case law, rules and regulations, and policies to a particular set of facts.
- Lead a financial investigation and recommend either criminal prosecution or civil litigation.
- Assess, organize, and litigate criminal and civil asset forfeiture actions.
- Litigate effectively in federal courts around the country.
- Address policy, legislative, and program operation issues with the goal of improving and enhancing the Department's Asset Forfeiture Program.
- Develop positive working relationships with other members of the asset forfeiture and law enforcement community.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Trial attorneys in the Fellowship Program are 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: www.justice.gov/criminal-mlars.

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