

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT**

Vacancy Announcement Number CT-19-003

About the Office:

The Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut prosecutes federal criminal offenses, litigates affirmative civil fraud and enforcement actions, and defends the U.S. Government's interest in civil cases. The District of Connecticut has three offices: New Haven, Bridgeport and Hartford, and has approximately 68 Assistant United States Attorneys representing the interests of the United States in the District of Connecticut. More information about the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut is available on our website at www.justice.gov/usao-ct

Job Description:

The Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut is seeking applications for an Assistant United States Attorney to work in the Civil Division. The Civil Division handles a wide variety of cases where the United States or its employees are plaintiffs or defendants.

The Civil Division's Defensive Unit defends claims filed against the United States, including tort, medical malpractice, employment discrimination, immigration, and foreclosures. The Defensive Unit also defends claims brought against individual federal employees (Bivens claims).

The Civil Division's Affirmative Civil Enforcement and Civil Rights Unit pursues claims on behalf of the United States in cases involving health care fraud, defense contractor fraud, drug diversion, forfeitures, and environmental violations. In addition, the Civil Division maintains a Civil Rights enforcement program, which brings civil rights actions to enforce federal statutes prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, disability, religion, familial status and national origin, and to recover damages for victims of civil rights violations.

The Civil Division also has a Financial Litigation Unit, which is responsible for collecting debts owed to the United States.

Qualifications:

Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of the bar (any jurisdiction), and have at least 1-year post-J.D. legal or other relevant experience.

Preferred qualifications: Applicants should have excellent writing and oral communication skills, strong character, dedication, work ethic, and the ability to work well with others and independently.

United States citizenship is required.

You must meet all qualification requirements upon the closing date of this announcement.

Travel:

Occasional travel within and outside the District will be required.

Type of Position:

All initial attorney appointments to the Department of Justice are made on a 14 month (temporary) basis pending favorable adjudication of a background investigation.

Salary Information:

Assistant United States Attorneys' pay is administratively determined based, in part, on the number years of professional attorney experience. The pay range is \$70,111.00 to \$164,100.00 (AD-21 through AD-29), including locality pay.

Location:

The duty location for this position will be New Haven/Bridgeport/Hartford, Connecticut.

Relocation Expenses:

Relocation expenses will not be paid.

Number of Positions:

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Application Process and Deadline Date:

To receive consideration for this vacancy, submit a cover letter and resume, including a detailed description of employment history (month/year), by **April 2, 2019**. Please submit applications by email (preferred) to usact.civil.applications@usdoj.gov or by mail to:

Richard Molot
Assistant United States Attorney
157 Church Street, 25th Floor,
New Haven, Connecticut 06510

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.

- Selective Service:** If you are a male applicant born after December 31, 1959, you must certify that you have registered with the Selective Service System, or are exempt from having to do so under the Selective Service Law. See www.sss.gov.
- Evaluation Method:** Once your complete application package is received, it will be reviewed to ensure you meet all job requirements. An attorney interview panel will then review all qualified applicants and make recommendations for invitation to interview. You will be notified if selected for an interview.
- Other Benefits:** The Department of Justice offers a comprehensive benefits package that includes, in part, paid vacation; sick leave; holidays; telework; life insurance; health benefits; and participation in the Federal Employees Retirement System. This link provides an overview of the benefits currently offered to Federal employees: [https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Pay and Benefits](https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Pay_and_Benefits).
- Transit Subsidy:** Our office offers monthly transit subsidy passes for those employees utilizing public transportation. This includes buses and light rail. The pass is currently available and may or may not be extended depending on whether the transit subsidy program is continued by the Department of Justice.
- Internet Sites:** This and other attorney vacancy announcements can be found at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvacancies.html>.
- Department Policies:** Assistant United States Attorneys generally must reside in the district to which he or she is 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 because of color, race, religion, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, disability (physical or mental), age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, genetic information, status as a parent, membership or non-membership in an employee organization, on the basis of personal favoritism, or any non merit factor. 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, www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/SF15.pdf for a copy of SF 15, which lists the types of 10-point preferences and the required supporting document(s). 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).

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