



General Legal Activities Office of the Solicitor General (OSG)

FY 2010 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2009 Enacted:	\$10.4 million (48 positions)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$0.4 million (3.5% above FY 2009 Enacted)
FY 2010 Budget Request:	\$10.8 million (48 positions)
Change from FY 2009 Enacted:	+\$0.4 million (+3.5%)

Mission:

The mission of the OSG is to conduct all litigation on behalf of the United States and its agencies in the Supreme Court of the United States; to approve decisions to appeal and seek further review in cases involving the United States in the lower federal courts; and to supervise the handling of litigation in the federal appellate courts.

Resources:

The budget request for FY 2010 totals \$10.8 million, which is a 3.5 percent increase from the FY 2009 Enacted level.

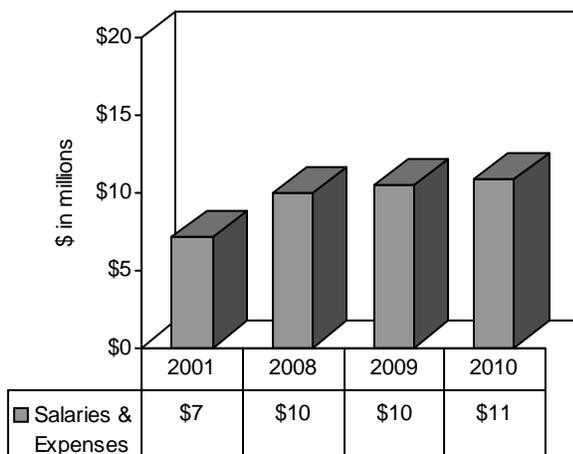
Organization:

The OSG has a single program, Federal Appellate Activity, with 48 positions consisting of an attorney staff with 22 positions and a support staff with 26 positions. OSG is headed by the Solicitor General, who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Within the attorney staff, 17 career Assistants to the Solicitor General work with three career Deputy Solicitors General, the Principal Deputy Solicitor General, and the Solicitor General to prepare oral arguments, Supreme Court briefs and other related legal material. The 26 support staff are organized into three sections which include Administration, Case Management, and Research and Publication.

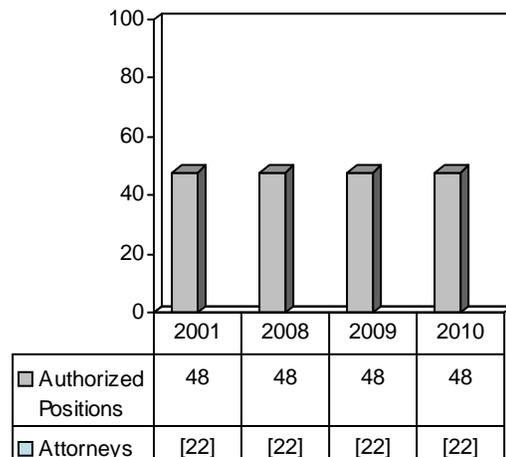
Personnel:

The OSG's direct authorized positions for FY 2010 total 48 positions, including 22 attorneys. OSG's FY 2010 request is for the same number of positions as authorized in FY 2009. While the FY 2010 request does not include an increase in the number of authorized positions, funding is provided to ensure OSG may staff up to its authorized position ceiling.

Funding (FY 2001 - 2010)



Personnel (FY 2001 - 2010)



* Includes reimbursable attorneys

FY 2010 Strategy:

The Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) does not initiate any programs, but it is required to handle all appropriate Supreme Court cases and requests for appeal, amicus, or intervention authorization. In the vast majority of cases filed in the Supreme Court in which the United States is a party, a petition is filed by an adverse party and the United States responds in some way, either by filing a brief or (after reviewing the cases) waiving its right to do so. Additionally, the Supreme Court formally requests the Solicitor General to express the views of the United States on whether the Court should grant certiorari in a case in which the United States is not a party. The number of cases in which the Solicitor General petitions the Supreme Court for review, acquiesces in a petition for a writ of certiorari filed by an adverse party, or participates as an intervener or as amicus curiae is governed exclusively by the Solicitor General's determination that it is in the best interest of the United States to take such action. Further, such activity may vary widely from year to year, which limits the Office's ability to plan its workload and performance activity, because the office has no control over the activity.

FY 2010 Program Changes:

The FY 2010 Budget does not request a program change for OSG.

Financial Snapshot 2008

Clean Opinion on Financial Statements	Yes
Timely Financial Reporting	Yes
Material Weaknesses	None

GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL

(Dollars in Thousands)

	SALARIES AND EXPENSES		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount
2008 Enacted	48	49	\$9,883
2009 Enacted	48	49	10,440
2010 Request	48	49	10,809
Change 2010 from 2009 Enacted	0	0	369
Adjustments to Base			
Increases:			
Pay and Benefits	0	0	342
Domestic Rent and Facilities	0	0	18
Other Adjustments	0	0	9
Total Adjustments to Base	0	0	369
2010 Current Services	48	49	10,809
2010 Request	48	49	10,809
Change 2010 from 2009 Enacted	0	0	369

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Comparison by activity and program	2009 Enacted			2010 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
1. Federal Appellate Activity	48	49	\$10,440	48	49	\$10,809
Total	48	49	\$10,440	48	49	\$10,809

Comparison by activity and program	Total Program Changes			2010 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
1. Federal Appellate Activity	0	0	\$0	48	49	\$10,809
Total	0	0	\$0	48	49	\$10,809