



Antitrust Division (ATR)

FY 2019 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2018 Continuing Resolution:	\$163.9 million (695 positions; 335 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$806,000
Program Changes:	+\$0
FY 2019 Budget Request:	\$164.7 million (695 positions; 335 attorneys)
Change From FY 2018 Continuing Resolution:	+\$806,000 (+0.5%)

Mission:

The mission of ATR is to promote economic competition through enforcing and providing guidance on antitrust laws and principles.

Organization:

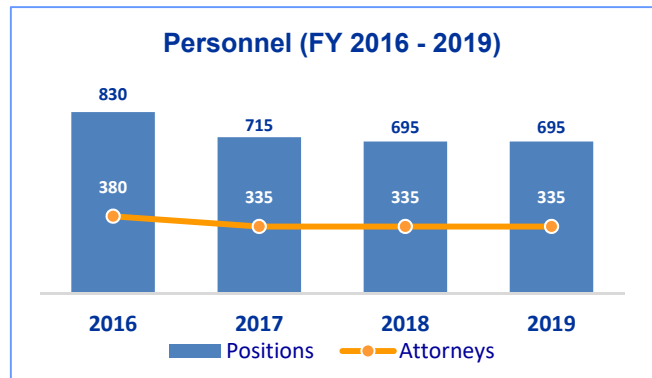
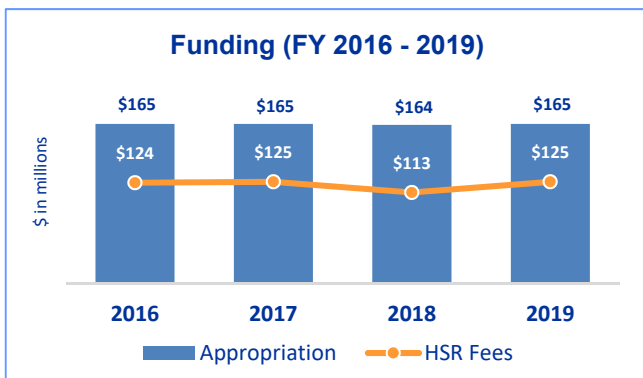
ATR is headed by an Assistant Attorney General (AAG), who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The AAG is currently assisted by six Deputy Assistant Attorneys General, including career and non-career employees. In addition to its Washington, DC, offices and sections, ATR has three offices strategically located across the U.S. that primarily handle criminal matters and serve as liaisons to the U.S. Attorneys, state attorneys general, and other law enforcement agencies.

Resources:

The FY 2019 budget request for ATR totals \$164.7 million, which is a 0.5% increase over the FY 2018 Continuing Resolution. Approximately two-thirds of ATR's funding is derived from Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) premerger filing fees paid by companies planning to merge. For FY 2019, ATR expects HSR fee collections of \$125.4 million. The filing fee revenue of approximately \$250.8 million is divided evenly between the Antitrust Division and the Federal Trade Commission

Personnel:

ATR's direct positions for FY 2019 total 695 positions and are the same as FY 2018 Continuing Resolution.



- * FY 2018 – FY 2019 HSR fees are estimated.
- * FY 2018 annualized CR

FY 2019 Strategy:

ATR will continue its efforts in essential areas in U.S. and global markets to ensure that American consumers and businesses are left with a vibrant and appropriately competitive marketplace.

The Division's Civil Merger program will focus sharply on the statutorily mandated review of premerger notifications and challenge problematic transactions in court, whether fundamentally flawed or where parties do not provide a remedy sufficient to resolve a proposed transaction's competitive harm. The Civil Non-Merger program will maintain a vigilant watch for contractual provisions or transactions that unlawfully disrupt the competitive process. Industries and markets that ATR will continue to focus on are wide-ranging and include telecommunications, health care, oil and energy services and newspapers.

Vigorous enforcement of criminal antitrust laws will continue to be the number one priority of the Division's Criminal Program. ATR has a history of achieving record-setting prison sentences and criminal fines and expects this trend to continue in FY 2019. The Division will continue to uncover and prosecute cartels and other criminal activity across the spectrum of the Nation's economy in many areas including generic pharmaceuticals, financial services, ocean shipping, electronic capacitors and packaged seafood.

Competition advocacy – to government entities, private firms and organizations, and the general public – will continue to be an important initiative in the Division with broad focus on intellectual property and competition law, and specific attention to evolving communications markets. Pursuit of many international initiatives, including enforcement and policy cooperation, bilateral/multilateral activities, and technical assistance will be an important focus as these efforts help protect U.S. consumers by strengthening enforcement and promoting international convergence around sound antitrust principles.

FY 2019 Program Changes:

The budget proposal includes funds for current services for ATR. No program changes are requested.

Antitrust Division
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Antitrust Division		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2017 Appropriation	[715]	694	164,977
2018 Continuing Resolution	[695]	695	163,857
2019 Request	[695]	695	164,663
Change 2019 from 2018 Continuing Resolution	0	0	806
Technical Adjustments			
CR Base Adjustment	0	0	806
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	806
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	925
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	768
Other Adjustments including Administrative Savings	0	0	-1,693
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	0
2019 Current Services	[695]	695	164,663
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	0
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	0	0	0
2019 Request	[695]	695	164,663

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Comparison by activity and program	2018 Continuing Resolution			2019 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Antitrust Division	695	695	163,857	695	695	164,663
Total	695	695	163,857	695	695	164,663
Grand Total	695	695	163,857	695	695	164,663

Comparison by activity and program	2019 Total Program Changes			2019 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Antitrust Division	0	0	0	695	695	164,663
Total	0	0	0	695	695	164,663
Grand Total	0	0	0	695	695	164,663