



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Criminal Division (CRM)

FY 2019 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2018 Continuing Resolution:	\$180.5 million (680 positions; 421 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	-\$4.6 million
Program Changes:	+\$11.5 million
FY 2019 Budget Request:	\$187.4 million (729 positions; 440 attorneys)
Change From FY 2018 Continuing Resolution:	+\$6.9 million (+3.8%) (+49 positions; +11 attorneys)

Mission:

The mission of the Criminal Division (CRM) is to develop, enforce, and supervise the application of federal criminal laws. The Division responds to critical and emerging national and international criminal threats and works with the enforcement, regulatory, and intelligence communities in a coordinated, nationwide response to reduce those threats.

The Division performs four key program activities to fulfill its mission: litigating cases (e.g.; multi-jurisdictional and international cases); providing expert guidance and legal advice (to the Attorney General, foreign counterparts, federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, and U.S. Attorneys' Offices); reviewing and implementing law enforcement activities (e.g; Title III wiretaps, attorney fee forfeitures, correspondent banking subpoenas, and foreign legal frameworks); and fostering and maintaining global partnerships.

Resources:

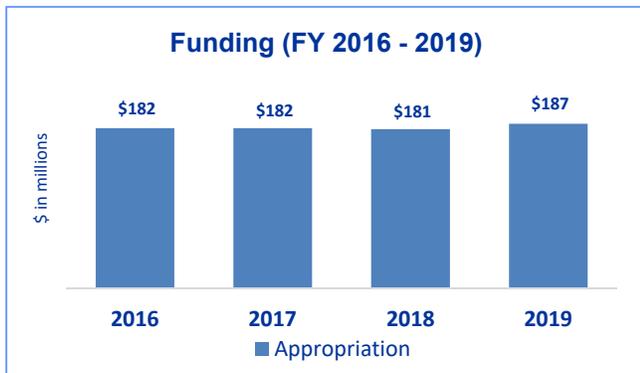
The FY 2019 budget request for CRM totals \$187.4 million, which is a 3.8% increase over the FY 2018 Continuing Resolution.

Organization:

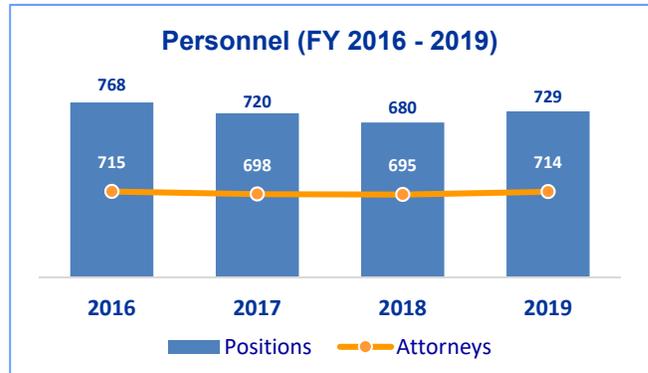
CRM is headed by an Assistant Attorney General (AAG), who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The AAG supervises the enforcement of federal criminal laws and policy for the Department of Justice, and supervises criminal prosecutions by the Division's almost 700 prosecutors on a broad range of matters including public corruption, corporate fraud, procurement fraud, computer crime, intellectual property crime, international organized crime, gang crime, narcotics offenses, money laundering offenses, child sexual exploitation, and human rights violations. Through the Division's extensive international operations, via its reimbursable programs with the State Department and other agencies, CRM also has more than 100 direct and reimbursable staff in foreign offices.

Personnel:

CRM's direct positions for FY 2019 total 729 positions. CRM's FY 2019 request includes an increase of 49 positions over the FY 2018 Continuing Resolution of 680 direct positions.



* FY 2018 annualized CR



* Includes reimbursable attorneys.

FY 2019 Strategy:

CRM has substantial prosecutorial expertise in a broad array of federal criminal subject matters, as well as formidable legal expertise and Department-wide operational resources. The Division plays a substantial role in helping the Department accomplish its mission by working to prevent terrorism; promoting the nation's security consistent with the rule of law; preventing crime; protecting the rights of the American people; and enforcing federal law. Additionally, the Division plays the central role in the Department for maintaining global partnerships to further support the Department's mission and goals.

In working to achieve the mission of the Department, the Division has identified several priority areas to ensure that the country's important justice needs, on both the national and transnational fronts, are effectively addressed, including:

- ensuring trust and confidence in government institutions, by reducing public corruption at every level of government;
- ensuring the stability and security of domestic and global markets, as well as the integrity of government programs, by reducing fraud, money laundering, and other economic crimes, by both corporations and individuals;
- disrupting and dismantling criminal organizations and networks that act across state and national boundaries and that threaten our country through violence, drug trafficking, and computer crime;
- combatting cyber-based threats and attacks;
- protecting children and defending human rights;
- promoting the rule of law around the world;
- assisting law enforcement partners in obtaining evidence in the United States;
- strengthening justice sector institutions in countries throughout the globe; and
- supporting crime-fighting efforts across federal, state, and local governments.

FY 2019 Program Changes:

Sustainment Funding for OIA Base Resources and MLAT Reform: \$13.0 million and 72 positions (37 attorneys)

This request sustains the Office of International Affairs (OIA) base resources and Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) Reform. This support is imperative to avoid further backlogs in the critical support provided by OIA to protect the United States and support U.S. Attorneys' Offices, as well as our state and local law enforcement partners.

OIA and its partners carry out the following core functions:

- extradition and removal of fugitives;
- international evidence gathering;
- litigation and legal advice on international issues; and
- international relations and treaty matters.

In FY 2015, the Department of Justice made a one-time investment of \$13.5 million in OIA to execute a mutual legal assistance (MLA) reform strategy to support OIA's reorganization and a staffing initiative aimed at equipping OIA to support the efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement's criminal justice efforts. Using this additional funding, OIA embarked on a broad "MLAT Reform" program that included both a reorganization strategy to gain new efficiencies and a hiring initiative. OIA has proven to be a sound investment, reducing its caseload backlog from an all-time high in FY 2016 of 13,421 to less than 9,038 today, while increasing its responsiveness to its many partners relying on assistance to track down criminals and the evidence needed to convict them.

This requested funding, and the funding used from the existing base appropriation to cover additional costs, will provide the resources to allow the Department to meet the current and expanding requirements associated with investigating, apprehending, returning, and prosecuting criminals who increasingly seek to take advantage of territorial borders to prey upon the innocent, and allow the Department to continue to assist foreign partners in their efforts to conduct successful prosecutions of significant, often violent crimes and terrorism offenses. This request will add to the current services level for this initiative of 82 positions (54 attorneys) and \$19.3 million.

Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section Reduction: -\$1.5 million and -10 positions (-10 attorneys)

CRM proposes a reduction to its Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Section (NDDS) that will reprioritize and reshape resources for a smaller, more efficient group at the Headquarters level. NDDS will focus on Title 21 U.S.C. § 959 cases: possession, manufacture, or distribution of a controlled substance. Current services for this initiative will go from 42 positions (30 attorneys) and \$11.2 million in FY 2018 to 32 positions (20 attorneys) and \$9.7 million in FY 2019.

Criminal Division
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Criminal Division		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2017 Appropriation	720	717	181,745
2018 Continuing Resolution	680	680	180,511
2019 Request	729	729	187,378
Change 2019 from 2018 Continuing Resolution	49	49	6,867
Technical Adjustments			
CR Base Adjustment	0	0	1,707
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	1,707
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	739
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	-2,676
Other Adjustments including Administrative Savings	-13	-13	-4,275
Foreign Expenses	0	0	-125
Total Base Adjustments	-13	-13	-6,337
2019 Current Services	667	667	175,881
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Sustainment Funding for OIA Base Resources and MLAT Reform	72	72	13,000
Subtotal, Program Increases	72	72	13,000
Decreases:			
Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section Reduction	-10	-10	-1,503
Subtotal, Program Decreases	-10	-10	-1,503
Total Program Changes	62	62	11,497
2019 Request	729	729	187,378

Criminal Division
(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2018 Continuing Resolution			2019 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Enforcing Federal Criminal Laws	680	680	180,511	667	667	175,881
Total	680	680	180,511	667	667	175,881
Reimbursable FTE	0	348	0	0	348	0
Grand Total	680	1,028	180,511	667	1,015	175,881

Comparison by activity and program	2019 Total Program Changes			2019 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Enforcing Federal Criminal Laws	62	62	11,497	729	729	187,378
Total	62	62	11,497	729	729	187,378
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	348	0
Grand Total	62	62	11,497	729	1,077	187,378