



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Office of the Solicitor General (OSG)

FY 2014 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2012 Enacted:	\$10.7 million (48 positions; 22 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$942,000
Program Changes:	-\$231,000
FY 2014 Budget Request:	\$11.4 million (54 positions; 22 attorneys)
Change From FY 2012 Enacted	+\$711,000 (+6.6%) (+6 positions)

Mission:

The mission of the Office of the Solicitor General (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.

Organization:

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 materials. The 32 support positions are organized into four sections which include Administration, Case Management, Research and Publication, and Research and Freedom of Information Act.

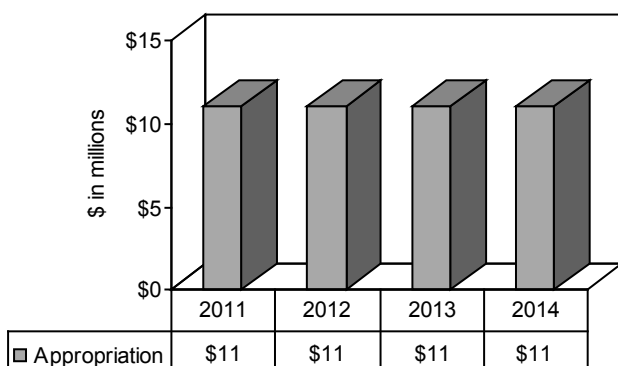
Resources:

The FY 2014 budget request for OSG totals \$11.4 million, which is a 6.6% increase over the FY 2012 Enacted. This is reflective of the transfer of positions and funds from the Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) as part of the executive office functions merger with OSG completed in FY 2012.

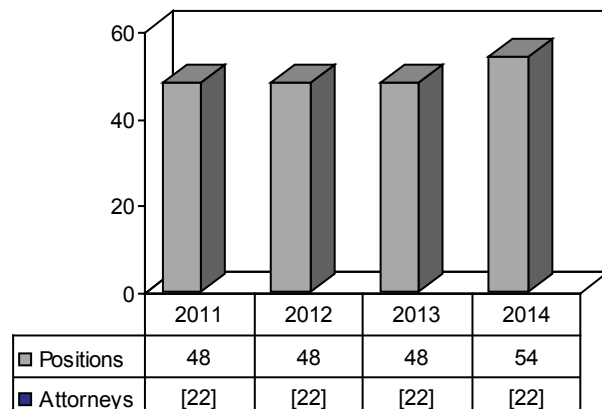
Personnel:

The OSG's direct positions for FY 2014 total 54 positions. OSG's FY 2014 request includes an increase of 6 positions over the FY 2012 Enacted of 48 direct positions. In FY 2012, 6 positions were transferred to OSG as part of the executive office functions merger with OLC.

Funding (FY 2011 - 2014)



Personnel (FY 2011 - 2014)



FY 2014 Strategy:

The Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) 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 case) 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 cases 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.

FY 2014 Program Changes:**Program Offset - Administrative Functions Consolidation: -\$231,000 and 0 positions**

The Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) and OSG are similarly sized components of the General Legal Activities (GLA) appropriation. Several executive office functions were consolidated by merging the executive offices of OLC and OSG into a single, unified executive office. This consolidation streamlines the executive office functions of OSG and OLC and combines many of the overlapping functions. The FY 2013 President's Budget included this request; the FY 2014 President's Budget includes the same request in the same amount. OSG's FY 2014 current services for this initiative are 6 positions and \$579,000.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Office of the Solicitor General		
	Pos	FTE**	Amount
2012 Appropriation	48	49	10,724
2013 Continuing Resolution *	48	49	10,790
2014 Request	54	55	11,435
Change 2014 from 2012 Enacted	6	6	711
Technical Adjustments			
Adjustment - 2013 CR 0.612%	0	0	-66
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	-66
Base Adjustments			
ATB Transfers	6	6	583
Pay & Benefits	0	0	298
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	61
Total Base Adjustments	6	6	942
2014 Current Services	54	55	11,666
Program Changes			
Program Increases	0	0	0
Decreases:			
Program Offset - Administrative Functions Consolidation	0	0	-231
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	-231
Total Program Changes	0	0	-231
2014 Request	54	55	11,435

* The 2013 Continuing Resolution includes the 0.612% funding above current rate, provided by P.L. 112-175, sec. 101 (c).

** The FTE for FY 2012 is actual and for FY 2013 and FY 2014 are estimates.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2012 Enacted			2014 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Federal Appellate Activity	48	49	10,724	54	55	11,666
Total	48	49	10,724	54	55	11,666
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	48	49	10,724	54	55	11,666

Comparison by activity and program	2014 Total Program Changes			2014 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Federal Appellate Activity	0	0	-231	54	55	11,435
Total	0	0	0	54	55	11,435
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	0	0	0	54	55	11,435