



General Legal Activities Civil Division (CIV)

FY 2012 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2011 CR:	\$287.8 million (1,475 positions; 1,059 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$22.7 million
Program Changes:	-\$0.4 million
FY 2012 Budget Request:	\$310.1 million (1,488 positions; 1,068 attorneys)
Change From FY 2011 CR:	+\$22.4 million (+7.8%) (+13 positions; +9 attorneys)

Mission:

The Civil Division represents the United States, its departments and agencies, Members of Congress, Cabinet officers, and other federal employees in all civil matters. Its litigation reflects the diversity of government activities involving, for example, the defense of challenges to Presidential actions; national security issues; benefit programs; energy policies; commercial issues, such as contract disputes, banking, insurance, patents, fraud, and debt collection; all manner of accident and liability claims; and criminal violations of immigration and consumer protection laws. Division attorneys handle over 52,000 cases each year that collectively involve billions of dollars in claims and recoveries. The Division confronts significant policy issues, which often rise to constitutional dimensions, in defending and enforcing various federal programs and actions.

Resources:

The FY 2012 budget request for CIV totals \$310.1 million, which is a 7.8 percent increase from the FY 2011 CR.

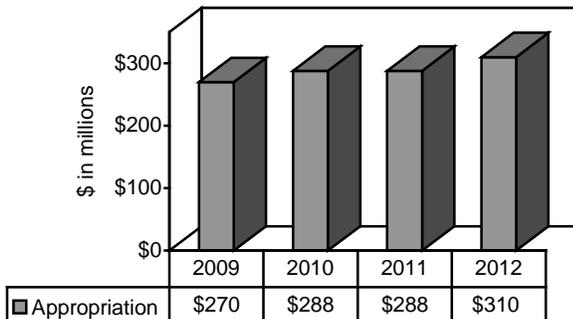
Organization:

The Civil Division is headed by an Assistant Attorney General (AAG) who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The Division's role is two-fold in that it must represent approximately 200 federal agencies and Congress while maintaining uniformity in government policy. For every case, the Division must provide the best possible representation to its client agencies. This responsibility must be balanced with the need to represent the government as a whole and to ensure precedents favorable to the United States.

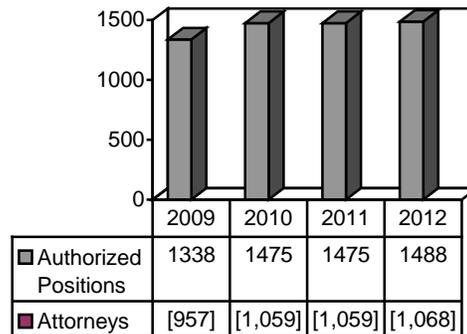
Personnel:

CIV's direct authorized positions for FY 2012 total 1,488, of which 1,068 are attorneys. CIV's FY 2012 request includes an increase of 13 positions over the FY 2011 CR of 1,475 direct authorized positions.

Funding (FY 2009 - 2012)



Personnel (FY 2009 - 2012)



FY 2012 Strategy:

The Civil Division has established a record of savings that totals billions of dollars annually. Of the approximately 52,000 cases the Division handles each year, the vast majority involve lawsuits against the United States. By thwarting exaggerated or unwarranted claims, the Division saves the government billions of dollars every year. In addition, the Division generates much needed revenue for government agencies, entitlement programs, and the general fund by recovering monies lost through fraud, waste, and abuse. In FY 2010 alone, the Division defeated \$14 billion in unmeritorious claims and recovered \$3.7 billion.

One of the Division's largest cases involves matters related to the explosion of the Deepwater Horizon offshore drilling station and the resulting oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The Division is responsible for recovering the billions of dollars spent by numerous government agencies in response costs and to assess and pursue damages and fines authorized under existing statutes. The Deepwater Horizon litigation will likely be the largest, most significant civil enforcement action in the Civil Division's history. The FY 2010 supplemental appropriation (P.L. 111-212) included \$10 million for the Department of Justice for litigation related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The FY 2012 President's Budget includes 10 positions and \$4.7 million for supplemental annualization for the Civil Division.

The enactment of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010 reopens the September 11th Victims Compensation Fund, extending eligibility for compensation associated with physical harm stemming from debris removal and extending the deadline for claims associated with harms not discovered before the Funds original deadline. It is expected that the Civil Division will execute budgetary and administrative functions on behalf of the Special Master.

FY 2012 Program Changes:

Program Offset - Administrative Efficiencies: -\$264,000 and 0 positions

The Department is continually evaluating its programs and operations with the goal of achieving across-the-board economies of scale that result in increased efficiencies and cost savings. In FY 2012, the Department is focusing on areas in which savings can be achieved, which includes: printing, publications, travel, conferences, supplies, and general equipment. For the Civil Division, these administrative efficiencies will result in an offset of \$264,000.

Program Offset - Extend Tech Refresh: -\$120,000 and 0 positions

As desktops and laptops are used primarily for basic office automation applications (e.g., spreadsheets and word processing), replacing this inventory at a slower rate is expected to have minimal impact on Department operations. In FY 2012, the Department is proposing to extend the refresh rate of all desktops and laptops by one year, resulting in an offset of \$120,000 for the Civil Division.

Civil Division
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Civil Division		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2010 Appropriation	1,475	1,350	287,758
2010 Supplemental	13	12	5,312
2010 Enacted w/ Supplementals	1,488	1,362	293,070
2011 Continuing Resolution	1,475	1,350	287,758
2012 Request	1,488	1,463	310,112
Change 2012 from 2011 Continuing Resolution	13	113	22,354
Technical Adjustments			
Subtotal Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Adjustments to Base			
Increases:			
ATB Transfers	0	0	-406
Pay & Benefits	13	113	18,875
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	1,196
Other Adjustments	0	0	3,051
Foreign Expenses	0	0	22
Subtotal Increases:	13	113	22,738
Decreases:			
Subtotal Decreases:	0	0	0
Total Adjustments to Base	13	113	22,738
Total Adjustments to Base and Technical Adjustments	13	113	22,738
2012 Current Services	1,488	1,463	310,496
Program Changes			
Decreases:			
Program Offset - Administrative Efficiencies	0	0	-264
Program Offset -Extend Tech Refresh	0	0	-120
Subtotal, Program Decrease	0	0	-384
Total Program Changes	0	0	-384
2012 Request	1,488	1,463	310,112
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Comparison by activity and program	2011 Continuing Resolution			2012 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Legal Representation	1,475	1,350	287,758	1,488	1,463	310,496
Total	1,475	1,350	287,758	1,488	1,463	310,496
Reimbursable FTE	0	41	0	0	162	0
Grand Total	1,475	1,391	287,758	1,488	1,625	310,496

Comparison by activity and program	2012 Total Program Changes			2012 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Legal Representation	0	0	-384	1,488	1,463	310,112
Total	0	0	-384	1,488	1,463	310,112
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	162	0
Grand Total	0	0	-384	1,488	1,625	310,112