



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Office of the Solicitor General (OSG)

FY 2016 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2015 Enacted:	\$11.7 million (51 positions; 23 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$207,000
Program Changes:	+\$0
FY 2016 Budget Request:	\$11.9 million (55 positions; 23 attorneys)
Change From FY 2015 Enacted:	+\$207,000 (+1.8%) (+4 positions)

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.

Organization:

OSG is headed by the Solicitor General, who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Within the attorney staff, 16 career staff attorneys 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 33 support positions are organized into three sections that include Administration, Case Management and Research and Publications.

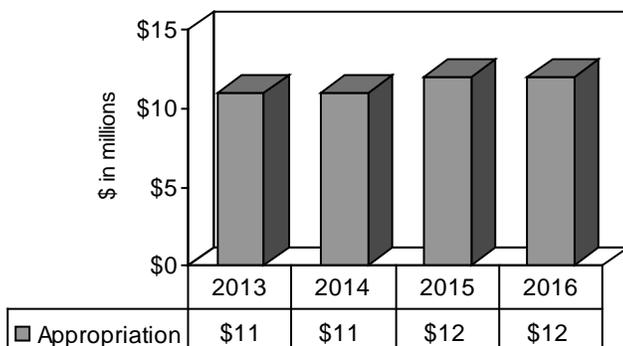
Resources:

The FY 2016 budget request for OSG totals \$11.9 million, which is a 1.8% increase over the FY 2015 Enacted.

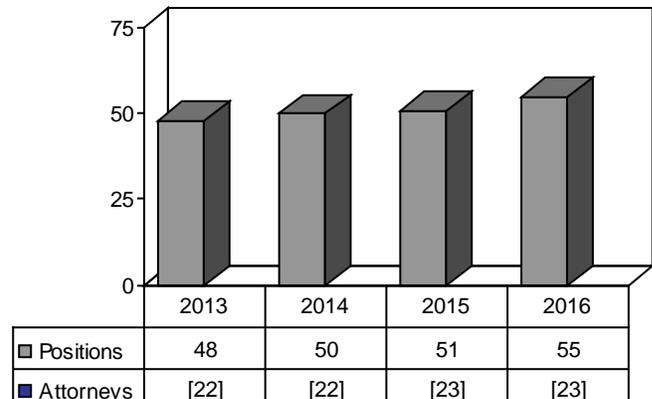
Personnel:

The OSG's direct positions for FY 2016 total 55 positions. OSG's FY 2016 request includes an increase of 4 positions over the FY 2015 Enacted of 51 direct positions.

Funding (FY 2013 - 2016)



Personnel (FY 2013 - 2016)



FY 2016 Strategy:

The 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. Such activity may vary widely from year to year.

FY 2016 Program Changes:

The budget request includes funds for current services for OSG. No program changes are requested.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

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	Pos	FTE	Amount
2014 Appropriation	50	47	11,198
2015 Enacted	51	56	11,678
2016 Request	55	56	11,885
Change 2016 from 2015 Enacted	4	0	207
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	4	0	154
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	53
Total Base Adjustments	4	0	207
2016 Current Services	55	56	11,885
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	0
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	0	0	0
2016 Request	55	56	11,885

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Comparison by activity and program	2015 Enacted			2016 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Federal Appellate Activity	51	56	11,678	55	56	11,885
Total	51	56	11,678	55	56	11,885
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	51	56	11,678	55	56	11,885

Comparison by activity and program	2016 Total Program Changes			2016 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Federal Appellate Activity	0	0	0	55	56	11,885
Total	0	0	0	55	56	11,885
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	0	0	0	55	56	11,885