



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Civil Division (CIV)

FY 2016 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2015 Enacted:	\$291.5 million (1,325 positions; 953 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$25.5 million
Program Changes:	+\$9.0 million
FY 2016 Budget Request:	\$326.0 million (1,360 positions; 968 attorneys)
Change From FY 2015 Enacted:	+\$34.6 million (+11.9%) (+35 positions; +15 attorneys)

Mission:

CIV represents the legal interests of the United States, safeguards taxpayer dollars, and protects the health, safety, and economic security of the American people. Each year CIV typically represents some 200 client agencies in approximately 50,000 lawsuits. Most of these cases are suits against the United States in which CIV not only defends the government's statutes, policies, and vital national interests, but also saves billions of taxpayer dollars. In FY 2014, CIV defended against suits in which over \$100 billion was at issue. In addition, CIV recovers billions of dollars for taxpayers through its affirmative litigation, such as its enforcement of federal consumer protection laws and its record-setting efforts under the False Claims Act, including cases targeting health care fraud, financial fraud, and fraud against the military. Since FY 2009, CIV, working with U.S. Attorneys, has obtained over \$20 billion in settlements and judgments. Finally, CIV protects the health and safety of Americans by defending cases related to national security, representing the government in immigration matters, and enforcing protections for the safety of food and medicines.

Resources:

The FY 2016 budget request for CIV totals \$326.0 million, which is a 11.9% increase over the FY 2015 Enacted.

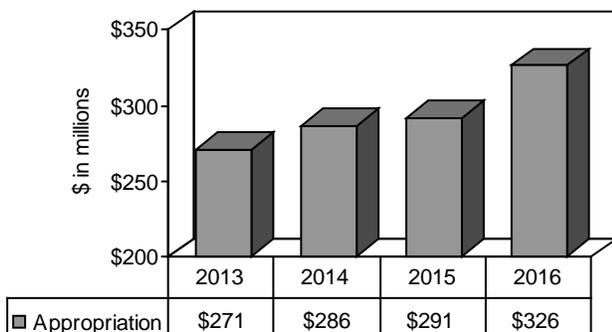
Organization:

The CIV Assistant Attorney General is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. CIV is composed of six litigating branches and an administrative office. The six litigating branches include: the Commercial Litigation Branch, the Federal Programs Branch, the Office of Immigration Litigation, the Torts Branch, the Appellate Staff, and the Consumer Protection Branch. CIV's core functions include ensuring the Federal Government speaks with one voice in its view of the law; preserving the intent of Congress; advancing the credibility of the Federal Government before the courts; and protecting the public fisc.

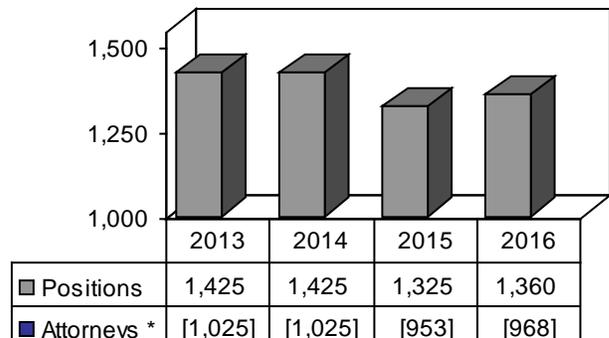
Personnel:

The CIV's direct positions for FY 2016 total 1,360 positions. CIV's FY 2016 request includes an increase of 35 positions over the FY 2015 Enacted of 1,325 direct positions.

Funding (FY 2013 - 2016)



Personnel (FY 2013 - 2016)



* Includes Reimbursable Attorneys

FY 2016 Strategy:

CIV will continue to represent the legal interests of the United States, safeguard taxpayer dollars, and protect the health, safety and economic security of the American people. The vast majority of CIV's work (approximately 90%) is defensive litigation: legal challenges to federal activities, as well as tort, contract and other suits against the United States seeking monetary damages or injunctive relief. These suits reflect the diversity of government activities: CIV defends the constitutionality of federal statutes and programs, protects the confidentiality of national security information, defends the government's immigration program, safeguards government programs when challenged, represents government officials and service members when they are sued, and protects the government's fiscal resources by contesting civil lawsuits that allege wrongdoing by the federal government and, in the process, seek to collect billions of dollars. For example, CIV is defending a series of lawsuits related to the Federal Government's bailout of failing financial entities AIG, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac during the 2008 financial crisis; the shareholders of these institutions seek tens of billions of dollars.

In its affirmative litigation, CIV generates billions of dollars for the United States. Since January 2009, CIV, working with the U.S. Attorneys, has recovered well over \$20 billion for the Federal Government in health care fraud, financial fraud, and other affirmative civil and criminal cases. CIV has played a leading role in these Administration and Department priorities. For example, CIV is leading the suit against Standard and Poor's Ratings Services for its role in the ratings given to the financial instruments that were at the center of the 2008 economic crisis, and it has led or been a key participant in investigations of major Wall Street financial institutions for their roles in residential mortgage-backed securities offerings. Additionally, CIV's participation on the Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force, including serving as co-chair of three of its working groups, enables attorneys to utilize shared resources to better pursue fraud cases.

These cases are complex, require teams of dedicated attorneys and support staff, necessitate extensive technology resources to assist in the billions of pages of discovery materials, and require attorneys to develop novel legal arguments. CIV will continue to utilize innovative and advanced litigating strategies and tools and employ top-notch attorneys to ensure the Department's success in litigation.

FY 2016 Program Changes:

Health Care Fraud Enhancement: \$1.3 million and 15 positions (7 attorneys)

CIV is a leading player in the Federal Government's efforts to combat health care fraud. CIV's longstanding track record of success in enforcing anti-fraud laws has returned billions of dollars to the Federal Government in the past several years. However, to continue and to expand on this success, CIV needs additional staff to handle the increasing number of whistleblower cases and the increasing number of cases derived from innovative fraud detection tools. The current services for this program are \$1.2 million.

Immigration Enforcement: \$1.4 million and 10 positions (8 attorneys)

Some of the longest running and most time intensive cases that the Office of Immigration Litigation (OIL) has handled have been class action cases. Recently, this office has experienced a significant increase in the number of such cases. Given the size, scope, and length of each class action case, the OIL requires additional attorney and support staff to keep pace with workload demands. The current services for this program are \$68.7 million.

Advanced Litigation Support Services: \$6.4 million and 10 positions

This program increase will secure the automated litigation services and information technology tools the Division needs for both its affirmative and defensive litigation. The goal of this program increase is to give all of CIV's cases the resources required to successfully represent the United States. CIV proposes to hire several full-time government employees to manage its use of contractors, financial consultants, and industry experts. These hires will have experience performing similar work and will be able to monitor the outside experts and ensure the Division is utilizing consultants in the most economically efficient manner. The current services for this program are \$13.0 million.

Civil Division
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Civil Division		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2014 Appropriation	1,425	1,124	285,927
2015 Enacted	1,325	1,189	291,454
2016 Request	1,360	1,210	326,009
Change 2016 from 2015 Enacted	35	21	34,555
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	4,243
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	21,189
Foreign Expenses	0	0	76
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	25,508
2016 Current Services	1,325	1,189	316,962
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Health Care Fraud Enhancement	15	8	1,341
Immigration Enforcement	10	8	1,356
Advanced Litigation Support Services	10	5	6,350
Subtotal, Program Increases	35	21	9,047
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	35	21	9,047
2016 Request	1,360	1,210	326,009

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Comparison by activity and program	2015 Enacted			2016 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Legal Representation	1,325	1,189	291,454	1,325	1,189	316,962
Total	1,325	1,189	291,454	1,325	1,189	316,962
Reimbursable FTE	0	161	0	0	161	0
Grand Total	1,325	1,350	291,454	1,325	1,350	316,962

Comparison by activity and program	2016 Total Program Changes			2016 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Legal Representation	35	21	9,047	1,360	1,210	326,009
Total	35	21	9,047	1,360	1,210	326,009
Reimbursable FTE	0	6	0	0	167	0
Grand Total	35	27	9,047	1,360	1,377	326,009