



## Antitrust Division (ATR)

### FY 2016 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2015 Enacted:	\$162.2 million (830 positions; 380 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$2.7 million
Program Changes:	+\$0
FY 2016 Budget Request:	\$165.0 million (830 positions; 380 attorneys)
Change From FY 2015 Enacted:	+\$2.7 million (+1.7%)

### Mission:

The mission of the ATR is to promote economic competition through enforcing and providing guidance on antitrust laws and principles.

### Organization:

The ATR is headed by an Assistant Attorney General (AAG), who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The AAG is currently assisted by five Deputy Assistant Attorneys General, including career and non-career employees. In addition to its Washington DC offices and sections, ATR has three offices strategically located across the U.S. that primarily handle criminal matters and serve as liaisons to the U.S. Attorneys, state attorneys general, and other law enforcement agencies.

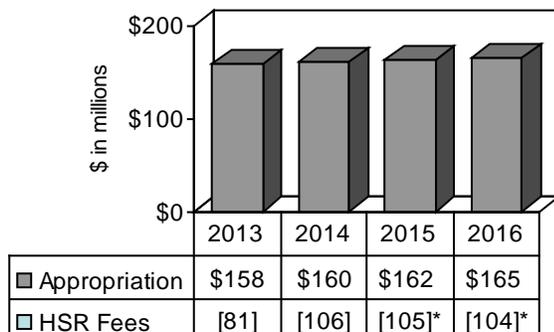
### Resources:

The FY 2016 budget request for ATR totals \$165.0 million, which is a 1.7% increase over the FY 2015 Enacted. Typically, over fifty percent of ATR's funding is derived from Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) premerger filing fees paid by companies planning to merge. HSR fee collections of \$207 million are expected for FY 2016. The filing fee revenue is divided evenly between the Antitrust Division and the Federal Trade Commission.

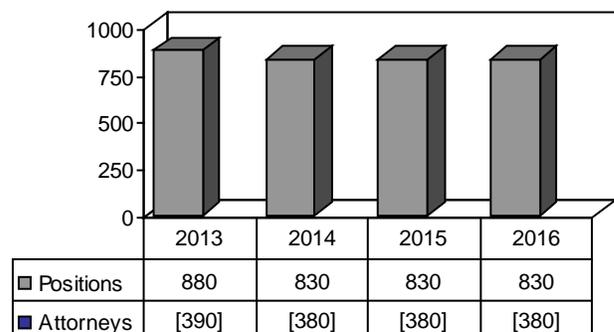
### Personnel:

The ATR's direct positions for FY 2016 total 830 positions and are the same as FY 2015 Enacted.

**Funding (FY 2013 - 2016)**



**Personnel (FY 2013 - 2016)**



\* FY 2015 and FY 2016 HSR fees are estimated.

**FY 2016 Strategy:**

ATR will continue its efforts in U.S. and global markets to ensure that American consumers and businesses are left with a vibrant and appropriately competitive marketplace.

The Division's Civil Merger program will focus on the statutorily mandated review of premerger notifications and challenge in court problematic transactions, whether fundamentally flawed or where parties do not provide a remedy sufficient to resolve a proposed transaction's competitive harm. The Civil Non-Merger program will maintain a vigilant watch for contractual provisions or transactions that unlawfully disrupt the competitive process. Industries and markets that ATR will continue to focus on are wide-ranging and include the airline and transportation industries, high-tech markets (including no-poach agreements between employers), the health care industry, steel manufacturing, oil and gas production, movie theaters, broadcast television spot advertising, and the credit card industry.

Enforcement of criminal antitrust laws will continue to be the number one priority of the Division's Criminal Program. The Division will continue to uncover and prosecute cartels and other criminal activity across the spectrum of the Nation's economy in many areas including real estate foreclosure auctions, ocean shipping, auto parts, and airline charter services, among others.

Competition advocacy – to government entities, private firms and organizations, and the general public – will continue to be an important initiative in the Division with broad focus on intellectual property and competition law, and specific attention to evolving communications markets. Pursuit of many international initiatives, including enforcement and policy cooperation, bilateral/multilateral activities, and technical assistance will be an important focus as these efforts help protect U.S. consumers by strengthening enforcement and promoting international convergence around sound antitrust principles.

**FY 2016 Program Changes:**

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

**Antitrust Division**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Antitrust Division		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
<b>2014 Appropriation</b>	[830]	598	160,400
<b>2015 Enacted</b>	[830]	654	162,246
2015 Balance Rescission	0	0	-6,000
<b>2015 Enacted</b>	[830]	654	156,246
<b>2016 Request</b>	[830]	654	164,977
<b>Change 2016 from 2015 Enacted</b>	0	0	8,731
<b>Technical Adjustments</b>			
Restoration of Rescission - ATR	0	0	6,000
<b>Total Technical Adjustments</b>	0	0	6,000
<b>Base Adjustments</b>			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	2,062
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	667
Other Adjustments	0	0	2
<b>Total Base Adjustments</b>	0	0	2,731
<b>2016 Current Services</b>	[830]	654	164,977
<b>Program Changes</b>			
<b>Increases:</b>			
<b>Subtotal, Program Increases</b>	0	0	0
<b>Decreases:</b>			
<b>Subtotal, Program Decreases</b>	0	0	0
<b>Total Program Changes</b>	0	0	0
<b>2016 Request</b>	[830]	654	164,977

**Antitrust Division**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2015 Enacted			2016 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Antitrust Division	830	654	162,246	830	654	164,977
<b>Total</b>	830	654	162,246	830	654	164,977
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balance Rescission	0	0	-6,000	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	830	654	156,246	830	654	164,977

Comparison by activity and program	2016 Total Program Changes			2016 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Antitrust Division	0	0	0	830	654	164,977
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	830	654	164,977
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balance Rescission	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	0	0	0	830	654	164,977