

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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About the Office:

The United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California (USAO) is responsible for representing the federal government in virtually all litigation involving the United States in the Central District of California. This includes criminal prosecutions for violations of federal law, civil lawsuits by and against the government, and actions to collect judgments and restitution on behalf of victims and taxpayers. With an authorized strength of approximately 280 Assistant United States Attorneys (AUSAs), the USAO is the second largest in the country. The USAO is divided into three litigating Divisions (Criminal, Civil, and Tax). The USAO's main offices are in Los Angeles. The USAO's Criminal Division has branch offices in Santa Ana and Riverside.

**Responsibilities and
Opportunity Offered:**

Hiring is for one AUSA position in our Civil Division, Civil Fraud section.

AUSAs in the Civil Fraud section investigate and litigate civil False Claims Act cases involving fraud on the United States and civil penalty cases involving a broad variety of government programs. False Claims Act cases primarily involve defense contractor and health care fraud.

Qualifications:

Required qualifications: Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of the bar (any jurisdiction), and have at least three years post-J.D. experience. If not already an active member of the California bar, any applicant hired will be required to take and pass the California bar exam and become an active member of the California bar as quickly as possible after entry on duty.

Preferred qualifications: Hiring for AUSA positions within the USAO is highly competitive. The USAO seeks a diverse complement of lawyers with a wide range of exceptional skills and experience, unified by keen intelligence and sincere commitment to public interest. Litigation experience, superior academic record, excellent writing skills, impeccable character, demonstrated interest in public service, courtroom presence, and the ability to work with and relate to a wide variety of people are all taken into account. Most attorneys hired have several years of experience, although

highly qualified recent graduates with some experience in practice or as a judicial clerk are also considered. California bar membership is an important factor in hiring decisions. Exceptional lawyers who are not members of the California bar are occasionally hired, but must take the next available California bar examination after their entry on duty and must become active California bar members as quickly as possible.

Travel:

Travel may be required between 1-5 nights per month or more depending on the needs of any particular case assignment, both within and outside the district.

Type of Position:

All initial attorney appointments to the Department of Justice are made on a 14 month (temporary) basis pending favorable adjudication of a background investigation.

Salary Information:

AUSA pay is administratively determined based, in part, on the number years of professional attorney experience. The range of basic pay is \$45,027 to \$119,174 plus locality pay where authorized.

Location:

Civil Division: Los Angeles, CA

Relocation Expenses:

Relocation expenses will not be authorized.

Application Process and Deadline Date:

Attorneys seeking a position as an AUSA should provide a cover letter with a resume, law school transcript, and brief writing sample (preferably 10 pages or less). If the application materials are submitted electronically, please include all required documents in a single pdf in the order set forth above. **Please be sure to indicate preferred Division(s) and office(s) and all jurisdictions in which admitted to practice law.** AUSA applications should be directed to Kim Meyer, Acting First Assistant United States Attorney, 1200 United States Courthouse, 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, USACAC.AUSAHiring@usdoj.gov. Position is open until filled, but no later than December 12, 2014. No telephone calls please.

Security Requirements:

Initial appointment is conditioned upon a satisfactory pre-employment adjudication. This includes fingerprint, credit and tax checks, and drug testing. In addition, continued employment is subject to a favorable adjudication of a background investigation.

Internet Sites:

This and other attorney vacancy announcements can be found at:
<http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/cac>
<http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvacancies.html>

Department Policies:

Assistant United States Attorneys generally must reside in the district to which he or she is appointed or within 25 miles thereof. See 28 U.S.C. § 545 for district-specific information.

The U.S. Department of Justice is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. Except where otherwise provided by law, there will be no discrimination because of color, race, religion, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, disability (physical or mental), age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, genetic information, status as a parent, membership or non-membership in an employee organization, on the basis of personal favoritism, or any nonmerit factor. The Department of Justice welcomes and encourages applications from persons with physical and mental disabilities. The Department is firmly committed to satisfying its affirmative obligations under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to ensure that persons with disabilities have every opportunity to be hired and advanced on the basis of merit within the Department of Justice. This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

It is the policy of the Department to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment. Employment is also contingent upon the completion and satisfactory adjudication of a background investigation. Only U.S. citizens are eligible for employment with the Executive Office for Immigration Review and the United States Attorney's Offices. Unless otherwise indicated in a particular job advertisement, non-U.S. Citizens may apply for employment with other organizations, but should be advised that appointments of non-U.S. Citizens are extremely rare; such appointments would be possible only if necessary to accomplish the Department's mission and would be subject to strict security requirements. Applicants who hold dual citizenship in the U.S. and another country will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

There is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference to attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, the Department of Justice considers veterans' preference eligibility as a positive factor in attorney hiring. Applicants eligible for veterans' preference must include that information in their cover letter or resume and attach supporting documentation (e.g., the DD 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty and other supporting documentation) to their submissions. Although the

“point” system is not used, per se, applicants eligible to claim 10-point preference must submit Standard Form (SF) 15, Application for 10-Point Veteran Preference, and submit the supporting documentation required for the specific type of preference claimed (visit the OPM website, www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/SF15.pdf for a copy of SF 15, which lists the types of 10-point preferences and the required supporting document(s)). Applicants should note that SF 15 requires supporting documentation associated with service-connected disabilities or receipt of nonservice-connected disability pensions to be dated 1991 or later except in the case of service members submitting official statements or retirement orders from a branch of the Armed Forces showing that his or her retirement was due to a permanent service-connected disability or that he/she was transferred to the permanent disability retired list (the statement or retirement orders must indicate that the disability is 10% or more).

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