

**SPECIAL ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
(UNCOMPENSATED)
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
Vacancy Announcement # 13-WDNC-SAUSA-CV-01**

About the Office: The United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of North Carolina covers 32 western counties in North Carolina. The principal office is located in Charlotte, with a staffed branch office in Asheville. The office currently employs 76 individuals, including 38 attorneys and 38 support personnel, divided into three divisions, Criminal, Civil, and Administrative. The office seeks to maintain the highest standard of excellence in the enforcement of federal laws and the representation of the United States.

Responsibilities and Opportunity Offered: The United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of North Carolina is currently seeking a limited number of uncompensated one-year term Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (SAUSA) positions in the Civil Division located in the Charlotte office. Selected candidates will be assigned to the Civil Division and will handle matters involving affirmative civil actions, including evaluating qui tams arising out of allegations of health care and financial institution fraud. The unpaid position offers a valuable opportunity to gain exposure to the office while also obtaining litigation experience.

The initial term of the uncompensated SAUSA appointment is 12 months, but may be extended for an additional time frame. The SAUSA will not be automatically hired by this office as an Assistant U.S. Attorney if a position becomes available, but the SAUSA may apply for any AUSA position in the office, or any office within the Department of Justice, that is open to the public after completing service as a SAUSA.

An uncompensated SAUSA may not engage in compensated practice of law outside of the office. Attorneys are not eligible to serve as SAUSAs if they have had an employment offer deferred by a law firm and received a payment for the period of their deferral or if they will receive any payment from a law firm during their unpaid employment with the Department of Justice.

As needed, additional uncompensated Special Assistant U.S. Attorney positions may be filled from this vacancy announcement.

Qualifications:

Required qualifications: Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of the bar (any jurisdiction), and have at least one full year post graduate attorney experience. United States citizenship is required.

Preferred qualifications: Applicants must demonstrate a quick analytical ability and the facility to accurately and precisely articulate the critical issues in a case. Applicants must demonstrate superior oral and writing skills, strong research and interpersonal skills, and good judgment. Applicants must possess excellent communication and courtroom skills, and exhibit the ability to work in a supportive and professional manner with other attorneys, support staff, and client agencies; have a demonstrated capacity to function, with minimal guidance, in a highly demanding environment; and possess computer literacy skills. Affirmative Civil Enforcement (ACT) matters. Applicants must also demonstrate excellent computer literacy skills, to include experience with automated research on the Internet, electronic court filing, and electronic e-mail and work processing systems.

Travel: Occasional travel, both within and outside the District, may be required depending on the needs of particular cases.

Type of Position: This position is temporary, not-to-exceed 1 year. It may be extended without further competition.

Salary Information: None - this is an uncompensated position. Employee benefits for this position will be limited.

Note: Employees of the Department of Justice, including uncompensated Special Assistant United States Attorneys, may not engage in the compensated practice of law outside the office. Attorneys are not eligible to serve as Special Assistant United States Attorneys if they have had an employment offer deferred by a law firm and received a payment for the period of their deferral with the expectation of future employment with the law firm, or if they will receive any payment from a law firm during their unpaid employment with the Department of Justice. In addition, contractors, including employees of contractors who do business with the Department of Justice, and who also are attorneys, are not eligible to serve as uncompensated Special Assistant United States Attorneys.

Location: This position is located in the Charlotte, North Carolina.

Relocation Expenses: Relocation expenses will not be paid.

Application Process and Deadline Date: Interested persons should address a cover letter and resume, both in PDF format, to the attention of United States Attorney, Anne M. Tompkins, and send the cover letter and resume to: usancw.staffing@usdoj.gov. Applicants not having internet access may mail their application to:

Paula Fortes-King
Human Resources Officer
United States Attorney's Office
227 West Trade Street, Suite 1650
Charlotte, NC 28202

Please include vacancy announcement #13-WDNC-SAUSA-CV-01 on your resume and all correspondence. No phone calls please. This is an open continuous announcement to fill current and future vacancies. Position is open until filled, but no later than September 27, 2013. The U.S. Attorney's Office will begin interviewing as applications arrive; however, applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

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

Internet Sites: Western District of North Carolina: <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/ncw/careers.html>

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

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 non-merit 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 Attorneys' 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 non-service-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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