

SPECIAL ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
District of Idaho
and
CANYON COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
in collaboration with
TREASURE VALLEY PARTNERS

About the Office:

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Idaho presently has on staff eighteen criminal attorney positions, seven civil, and thirty-one support staff spread among three offices: the main office, in Boise, and the two branch offices in Coeur d'Alene and Pocatello. This vacancy for a Special Assistant United States Attorney is located in the main office in Boise, Idaho. Boise is located in the Treasure Valley, in which 40 percent of Idaho's population resides. The Special AUSA will be employed by a consortium comprising the Treasure Valley Partnership (a working group of elected county and city officials in the Treasure Valley), the Canyon County Prosecuting Attorney's Office (the official employer), and the State of Idaho. Although the Special AUSA will be officially employed by Canyon County, the attorney will work in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Boise and work almost exclusively on federal criminal cases in U.S. District Court.

Responsibilities and Opportunity Offered:

The U.S. Attorney's Office, the Canyon County Prosecutor's Office, and the Treasure Valley Partners seek an experienced trial attorney for this Special AUSA position. The individual selected will be appointed a Deputy Canyon County Prosecutor, designated as a Special AUSA, and assigned to the United States Attorney's Office's Criminal Division in Boise. The individual selected will be responsible for handling a heavy criminal caseload involving a wide variety of criminal prosecutions, including violent crime, firearms and drug offenses related to gang activity.

This position will be for a term of three years but may extend beyond that, at the discretion of the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Treasure Valley Partners and the Canyon County Prosecutor's Office.

Qualifications:

Required qualifications: Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of the Idaho State Bar, and have at least three years post-J.D. experience.

Preferred qualifications: Ideally, an applicant will have three to six years of experience as a criminal prosecutor. The applicant should be flexible and willing to learn new areas of the law, strategic in complex litigation, forthright and diplomatic in dealing with investigative agencies and the court, and committed to representing the United States. Applicants must demonstrate superior written and oral communication skills. They must be able to define and articulate critical issues in a wide variety of cases and areas of law. They must be able to manage a

caseload composed of very different kinds of cases with correspondingly different demands and deadlines.

Applicants must be self-starters and good managers of their time. They must be willing and able to do their own legal research and writing and be substantially self-sufficient in managing cases and deadlines, preparing day-to-day correspondence and filings, and using computer programs and systems. Finally, applicants must have a demonstrated ability to work well with others, from support to supervisors.

The ideal candidate will have subject matter expertise in one or more of the areas identified (state and federal firearms and narcotics statutes, gang investigations, Fourth, Fifth and Six Amendment case law, and jury trial practice) and be willing to learn – and to continue learning throughout their career – new areas of law.

Travel:

Some travel may be required throughout the region and the state to work with law enforcement investigators, to prosecute criminal cases and to interview witnesses. There will be infrequent travel to attend training.

Salary Information:

The Special AUSA pay will be determined, in part, on the number years of attorney experience. Salary will be in the \$65,000 to \$70,000 range.

Location:

Boise, Idaho

Relocation Expenses:

Relocation expenses will not be authorized.

Application Process and Deadline Date:

Applications must be received no later than March 17, 2017. Application packages must include a cover letter, resume, a writing sample (no more than 20 pages, which will not be returned) and three named references.

Please send résumé to:

Rafael M. Gonzalez, Jr.
Acting United States Attorney
c/o Becky Early
800 Park Blvd, Suite 600
Boise, ID 83712

No telephone calls please.

Department Policies:

The United States Attorney's Office and the Canyon County Prosecutor's Office are Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employers. Appointment is subject to the successful completion of a background investigation and applicants will be subject to drug testing by urinalysis to screen for illegal drug use prior to appointment. A successful applicant must qualify for adequate professional liability coverage to meet the requirements of the position.

Special Assistant United States Attorneys 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.

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 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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