

**EXPERIENCED TRIAL ATTORNEY
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CRIMINAL DIVISION
NARCOTIC AND DANGEROUS DRUG SECTION**

Vacancy Announcement Number: 07-CRM-NDDS-028

About the Office:

The Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section (NDDS) supervises and has responsibility for enforcing federal statutes pertaining to narcotic drugs and other controlled substances. The section advises the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice and other federal officials involved in drug enforcement on all matters related to federal narcotics law enforcement including proposed and enacted legislation, policy, enforcement initiatives, and criminal and civil litigation. The section has direct litigation responsibilities in significant investigations and prosecutions targeting national and international narcotics trafficking and money laundering organizations.

Responsibilities and Opportunity Offered:

NDDS is seeking one experienced attorney for the Special Operations Division - commonly known as "SOD" - a joint DOJ, DEA, FBI, U.S. Customs, and IRS program. SOD attorneys support and coordinate investigations targeting the most significant national and international drug trafficking organizations. SOD's mission is to identify, disrupt, and dismantle the command and control elements of such organizations. To accomplish this, SOD identifies existing, related investigations nationally and, in some cases, internationally and develops a coordinated, multi-district investigative and prosecutive strategy.

SOD-coordinated cases have involved Assistant United States Attorneys (AUSA) from as many as fourteen judicial districts and dozens of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and, increasingly, have included foreign prosecutors and investigators. To maximize the effectiveness of such large investigations, SOD attorneys work closely with AUSA and investigative agencies to develop a national strategy in which intelligence and evidence is exchanged, investigative actions are coordinated, and finally, the indictments, arrests, and prosecutions are planned and coordinated.

Qualifications:

Required: Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be duly licensed and authorized to practice as an attorney under the laws of a State, territory, or the District of Columbia, and have at least three years of post-J.D. legal experience. AUSA experience is required.

Preferred: Extensive experience in drug-related prosecution is required. Specialized experience in wiretap related investigations and/or prosecutions is highly desirable.

Travel:

Occasional travel will be required.

Salary Information:

GS-13: \$79,397 - \$103,220 per annum (Includes locality pay)
GS-14: \$93,822 - \$121,967 per annum (Includes locality pay)
GS-15: \$110,363 - \$143,471 per annum (Includes locality pay)

Location:

The position is located in Chantilly, VA.

Relocation Expenses:

Relocation expenses are not authorized.

**Submission Process
and Deadline Date:**

Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, a writing sample (not to exceed 10 pages), and a current performance appraisal (if applicable). Please send your resume to:

U.S. Department of Justice
Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section
1400 New York Avenue NW, Room 11430
Washington, DC 20005
Attn: Charlene Briggs-Plunkett

No telephone calls please. This position is open until filled.
Current salary and years of experience determine the appropriate salary level.

Internet Sites:

This and selected other legal position announcements can be found on the Internet at:
www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvancies.

For more information about the Criminal Division and the Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section, please visit the Criminal Division Web page at :
<http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/criminal-home.html>

Department Policies:

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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 are encouraged to include that information in their cover letter or resume and attach supporting documentation (e.g., the DD 214 or other substantiating

documents) to their submissions.