

EXPERIENCED TRIAL ATTORNEY
GS-950-13 to GS 15
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CRIMINAL DIVISION
OBSCENITY PROSECUTION TASK FORCE
CHILD EXPLOITATION AND OBSCENITY SECTION
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About the Office:

The Obscenity Prosecution Task Force (OPTF) works with the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS) of the Criminal Division and is responsible for cases involving, among other things: federal obscenity crimes, especially those offenses committed by use of the Internet. The section advises the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice and other federal officials on all matters related to federal obscenity law enforcement, including proposed and enacted legislation, policy, enforcement initiatives, and criminal and civil litigation. The section has direct litigation responsibilities in significant and large-scale investigations and prosecutions targeting offenders in the criminal law enforcement areas detailed above.

Responsibilities and Opportunity Offered:

OPTF is seeking an experienced attorney to serve as a Trial Attorney. OPTF Trial Attorneys prosecute the criminal offenses listed above. In particular, OPTF Trial Attorneys handle cases involving the production, importation, sale, distribution, and transportation of obscene material by any means, including the Internet, mail, common carrier and broadcast media, as well as engaging in the business of the same and related offenses. Related offenses include child pornography, tax, racketeering and money laundering offenses. Forfeiture of assets is frequently sought by the government in these cases. These cases are developed through innovative investigative and forensic techniques employed by OPTF and CEOS computer forensic specialists and federal law enforcement agents. Because these cases involve the application of cutting-edge computer technologies, both in the criminal conduct and its investigation, OPTF Trial Attorneys regularly face novel and challenging legal issues. Additionally, OPTF Trial Attorneys draft and comment on proposed federal legislation and develop and handle matters of national policy in the criminal law enforcement

areas detailed above. OPTF Trial Attorneys prosecute cases and work with Assistant United States Attorneys and investigative agents in federal districts throughout the country. Some cases and operations handled by OPTF Trial Attorneys are national and international in scope. To maximize the effectiveness of large investigations and operations, especially where the criminal conduct is committed over the Internet, OPTF Trial Attorneys work closely with U.S. Attorney's Offices and investigative agencies to develop a national strategy in which information and evidence is exchanged, investigative actions are coordinated, and finally, the indictments, arrests, and prosecutions are planned and coordinated on a national level.

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. Applicants must also have a strong interest in prosecuting crimes, especially computer-assisted crimes, in the criminal enforcement areas listed above, and have strong writing and communication skills. **Preferred:** Previous experience prosecuting child exploitation and/or obscenity crimes, especially those committed by use of computers.

Travel: Travel will be required.

Salary Information: GS-13: \$74,782 - \$97,213 per annum
GS-14: \$88,369 - \$114,882 per annum
GS-15: \$103,947 - \$135,136 per annum

Location: The position is located in Washington, DC

Relocation Expenses: Relocation expenses are not authorized.

Submission Process and Deadline Date: Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, a writing sample, and a current performance appraisal (if applicable). Please send your resume package to:

U.S. Department of Justice
Obscenity Prosecution Task Force
1400 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 6400
Washington, D.C. 20005
Attn: Brent D. Ward, Director

OR

*Email to: Kenya.McPherson@usdoj.gov

No telephone calls please. The 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/attvacancies.html.

For more information about the Criminal Division and the Obscenity Prosecution Task Force please visit the Criminal Division Web page at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/criminal-home.html>

Department Policies:

The U.S. Department of Justice is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. It is the policy of the Department to achieve a drug-free workplace, and the person selected will be required to pass a drug test to screen for illegal drug use. Employment is also contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a background investigation adjudicated by the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice welcomes and encourages applications from persons with physical and mental disabilities and will reasonably accommodate the needs of those persons. 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.