

POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF EXISTING, CURRENTLY KNOWN DEMANDS, RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES, EVENTS, CONDITIONS, AND TRENDS AFFECTING DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GOAL ACHIEVEMENT

Restructuring the Intelligence Community

- On June 28, 2005, in response to the recommendations presented by The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (9/11 Commission), the President directed the Department to create a National Security Division within the Department of Justice. In addition, the FBI has established the Directorate of Intelligence and is expanding its core of intelligence analysts. Other necessary changes to the Department's intelligence infrastructure will be implemented in the coming year.

Technology

- Advances in high-speed telecommunications, computers and other technologies are creating new opportunities for criminals, new classes of crimes, and new challenges for law enforcement.

Economy

- Possible increases in consumer debt may affect bankruptcy filings.
- Deregulation, economic growth, and globalization are changing the volume and nature of anti-competitive behavior.
- The interconnected nature of the world's economy is increasing opportunities for criminal activity, including money laundering, white-collar crime and alien smuggling.

Government

- Changes in the fiscal posture or policies of state and local governments could have dramatic effects on the capacity of state and local governments to remain effective law enforcement partners.

Globalization

- Issues of criminal and civil justice increasingly transcend national boundaries, require the cooperation of foreign governments, and involve treaty obligations, multinational environment and trade agreements and other foreign policy concerns.

Social-Demographic

- The numbers of adolescents and young adults, now the most crime-prone segment of the population, are expected to grow rapidly over the next several years.

The Unpredictable

- The Global War on Terrorism requires continual adjustments to new conditions. The Department is determined to proactively confront new challenges in its effort to protect the Nation.
- Response to unanticipated natural disasters and their aftermath, which require the Department to divert resources in an effort to deter, investigate and prosecute disaster-related federal crimes such as charity fraud, insurance fraud and other crimes.
- Changes in federal laws may affect responsibilities and workload.
- Much of the litigation caseload is defensive. The Department has little control over the number, size and complexity of the civil lawsuits they must defend.

The Department's leadership is committed to ensuring its programs and activities will continue to be targeted to meeting the dynamic demands of the changing legal, economic, and technological environments of the future.