

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CRIMINAL DIVISION
EXPERIENCED ATTORNEYS, GS-15
Law Reform/Legal Advisor
DOJ Senior Federal Prosecutors Program - Kabul, Afghanistan
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About the Office: The Department of Justice, Criminal Division oversees the Senior Federal Prosecutors Program in Kabul, Afghanistan which is currently funded for four prosecutors and four senior criminal investigators and is planning for expansion in the next two years. The project is responsible for drafting and advising in the drafting of criminal laws and procedures for Afghanistan and for providing training, mentoring and guidance to the Criminal Justice Task Force (CJTF), an elite team of prosecutors and police investigators who investigate and prosecute high and mid-level narcotics and narcotics-related offenses before the Central Narcotics Tribunal (CNT) in Kabul. The CNT has exclusive nationwide jurisdiction for all major narcotics and narcotics-related cases. In addition the federal prosecutors are available to provide operational advice and assistance to the U.S. law enforcement agencies posted in Afghanistan.

Responsibilities and

Opportunity Offered: The Department of Justice, Criminal Division is seeking experienced Department Trial Attorneys or Assistant United States Attorneys to serve as Law Reform/Legal Advisors under the Senior Federal Prosecutors Program in Kabul Afghanistan. These assignments are for a term of 12 months with the possibility of an extension, contingent upon funding. **These are reimbursable details.**

To date, the DOJ Senior Federal Prosecutors Program has been responsible for: drafting and having signed into law a comprehensive counter-narcotics law (that also authorizes the use of modern investigative techniques such as electronic surveillance, undercover operations, and controlled deliveries) and the authorizing decree for the CNT; drafting a counter-terrorism law and extradition regulations that are currently under review by the Afghan authorities; achieving the first-ever extradition from Afghanistan to the U.S. (of a high-level narcotics trafficker); and designing and conducting an intensive training regime for the CJTF and CNT that is supplemented by DOJ's daily on-site mentoring and guidance with our international partners (U.K., Norway, and Germany). The immediate planning calls for the FBI to Avet@ the CJTF and CNT and for the U.S. Marshals Service to train a unit of the Counter-Narcotics Police of Afghanistan to provide security and protection for the CNT judges, CJTF prosecutors, and the witnesses in their cases. Expansion plans for the next two years include an anti-corruption initiative and providing DOJ prosecutors as advisors to the new Afghan Attorney General. The DOJ prosecutors live within the U.S. Embassy compound and travel to work and meetings at the CJTF/CNT, the Attorney General's Office, and the relevant Afghan Ministries during the day.

The Kabul DOJ Senior Federal Prosecutors Program is seeking experienced federal prosecutors who will not be easily deterred by the never-ending challenges of daily life and rebuilding necessary in Afghanistan today, but will be able to see the rewards of helping those talented and

committed Afghans trying to establish a credible and effective criminal justice system that will guarantee fundamental rights for the accused and ultimately will gain the confidence of the public at large.

Required Qualifications: 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. **Applicants must be a current Department Trial Attorney or Assistant United States Attorney** and have at least five years of post J.D. experience to be qualified at the GS-15 level.

Preferred Qualifications: Applicants must have excellent interpersonal and management skills, be mature and self-sufficient, communicate effectively orally and in writing, and possess extensive prosecutorial experience in a variety of pertinent substantive criminal areas.

Travel: Periodic travel will be required.

Salary Information: Current salary and years of experience determine the appropriate salary level. (See OPM's Web page at www.opm.gov/oca/payrates/index.htm) In addition to salary and benefits provided to federal employees, assignment in Afghanistan includes allowances for danger pay and hazardous duty, as well as reimbursement for periodic trips back to the U.S. for consultations and rest and recuperation visits.

Location: The Law Reform/Legal Advisor will be stationed in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Relocation Expenses: Relocation expenses are authorized.

Application Process and Deadline Date: For further details and/or to express an interest in participating in the Program, please send or e-mail a resume to:

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Criminal Division
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Positions are open until filled.

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

Department Policies: Assistant United States Attorneys generally must reside in the district to which he or she is appointed. See 28 U.S.C. ' 545 for district-specific information.

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orientation, color, race, religion, national origin, politics, marital status, disability, age, status as a parent, membership or nonmembership in an employee organization, or personal favoritism. 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.