



General Legal Activities Civil Rights Division (CRT)

FY 2010 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2009 Enacted:	\$123.2 million (713 positions; 345 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$6.5 million (5% above FY 2009 Enacted)
Program Changes:	+\$15.7 million
FY 2010 Budget Request:	\$145.4 million (815 positions; 399 attorneys)
Change from FY 2009 Enacted:	+\$22.2 million (+18%) (+102 pos; +54 attorneys)

Mission:

CRT's mission has three significant goals: (1) to fulfill the promise of federal laws entitling all persons to basic civil rights protections as they engage in everyday conduct through the United States; (2) to deter illegal conduct through the successful judicial enforcement of these federal laws; and (3) to promote voluntary compliance and civil rights protection through a variety of educational, technical assistance, and outreach programs. Each time compliance is achieved, a significant result has occurred.

Resources:

The budget request for FY 2010 totals \$145.4 million, which is an 18 percent increase over the FY 2009 enacted level.

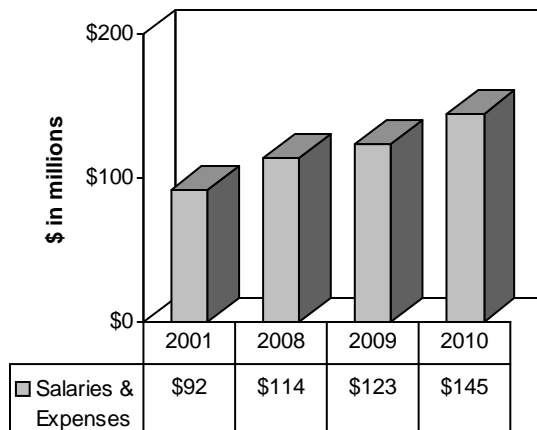
Organization:

CRT is headed by an Assistant Attorney General (AAG), who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The AAG is assisted by four Deputy Assistant Attorneys General. The Division establishes policy and provides executive direction and control over the enforcement actions and the administrative management activities. All CRT employees are stationed in Washington, D.C., but travel to all parts of the country for litigation activities.

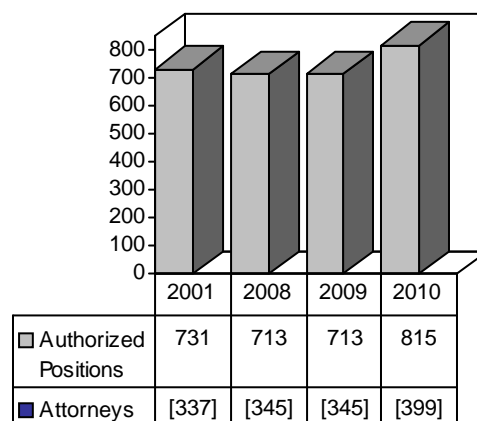
Personnel:

The Civil Rights Division's authorized positions for FY 2010 total 815 positions, of which 399 are attorneys. The FY 2010 budget request includes a program increase of 102 positions, including 60 attorneys over the FY 2009 level and a reduction of 6 reimbursable attorneys, netting to 54 attorneys.

Funding (FY 2001 - 2010)



Personnel (FY 2001 - 2010)



* Includes reimbursable attorneys

FY 2010 Strategy:

In FY 2010, CRT will continue to vigorously enforce civil rights laws in a wide variety of settings. Some areas in which the Division will focus its efforts are: increase staffing that have eroded over the past few years; improve efforts to eradicate human trafficking; expand efforts to guarantee citizen’s voting rights by upgrading census infrastructure; ensure that people with disabilities have access to our Nation’s civic life; combat housing discrimination to guarantee that all American’s have an opportunity to live the American dream through home ownership; focus on the investigation and prosecution of civil rights era unsolved homicide cases.

Human Trafficking investigations are time and labor intensive because of the unique challenges of prosecuting these cases. The additional resources will lead to an increase in the number of investigations opened, the number of cases brought and the number of defendants charged.

In preparation for the 2010 census data, funding is critically needed for technology hardware upgrades, engineering support, and data conversion requirements. The technology hardware platform currently in use has reached its end-of-life-cycle and is no longer supported.

CRT investigates instances of abuse, neglect, and inadequate care and treatment, and relies on expert assessments of conditions and practices at public residential facilities, including nursing homes, mental institutions, juvenile justice facilities, jails, and prisons. The requested funding will allow CRT to address the backlog of existing caseload of matters more efficiently as the use of “experts” enhances the ability to settle more cases without costly litigation and more quickly rectify the deficiencies identified.

The right to be free from discrimination in housing is at the heart of the American dream. CRT’s fair lending program has traditionally focused on suing lenders that “red-line” minority neighborhoods or discriminate by denying loans or charging higher interest rates. The additional resources will enable the Division to enhance its efforts in addressing discrimination in foreclosures and loan modifications.

Racially motivated murders from the civil rights era constitute some the greatest blemishes upon our history. Resources are needed to fund the newly created Cold Case Unit, formed to comply with the recently enacted Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act.

Restoration of Eroded CRT Program Funding Levels: 55 positions (29 attorneys) and \$6 million to strengthen civil rights enforcement efforts that have eroded over the past few years. The request would impact all programmatic areas within CRT. FY 2010 current services resources for this program include 713 positions (324 attorneys) and \$129.7 million.

Human Trafficking: 20 positions (15 attorneys) and \$2.3 million to fight the ever-increasing demand in CRT’s human trafficking program. FY 2010 current services resources for this program includes 21 positions (18 attorneys) and \$3.1 million.

2010 Census Infrastructure: \$1.7 million to purchase technology hardware upgrades, engineering support, and data conversion requirements. The requested program increase will enable the upgrade of the infrastructure for the 2010 Census.

Civil Rights for Institutionalized Persons Act (CRIPA) Enforcement: \$1 million to fund a combination of specialized consultants to address CRT’s enforcement responsibilities associated with the CRIPA. FY 2010 current services resources for this program total \$1.1 million.

Project Civic Access: 12 positions (5 attorneys) and \$1.8 million to improve access to state and local government facilities for people with disabilities. FY 2010 current services resources for this program includes 36 positions (7 attorneys) and \$4.5 million.

Enhance Fair Housing and Fair Lending Enforcement: 6 positions (5 attorneys) and \$1.3 million to improve CRT’s Fair Housing and Lending responsibilities. FY 2010 current services resources for this program include 13 positions (3 attorneys) and \$1.9 million.

Unsolved Civil Rights Era Crimes: 9 positions (6 attorneys) and \$1.6 million to support its newly created Cold Case Unit. The requested program increase will establish baseline funding for this initiative.

Financial Snapshot 2008

Clean Opinion on Financial Statements	Yes
Timely Financial Reporting	Yes
Material Weaknesses	None

FY 2010 Program Changes:

**GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION**

(Dollars in Thousands)

	SALARIES & EXPENSES		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount
2008 Enacted	713	715	\$114,450
2009 Enacted	713	715	123,151
2010 Request	815	766	145,449
Change 2010 from 2009 Enacted	102	51	22,298
Adjustments to Base			
Increases:			
Pay and Benefits	0	0	2,160
Domestic Rent and Facilities	0	0	4,354
Other Adjustments	0	0	61
Total Adjustments to Base	0	0	6,575
2010 Current Services	713	715	129,726
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Restore Eroded Civil Rights Program Levels	55	27	6,033
Human Trafficking	20	10	2,300
2010 Census Infrastructure	0	0	1,704
Civil Rights for Institutionalized Persons Act CRIPA)	0	0	1,000
Project Civic Access	12	6	1,787
Enhance Fair Housing and Fair Lending Enforcement	6	3	1,254
Unsolved Civil Rights Era Crimes	9	5	1,645
Total Program Changes	102	51	15,723
2010 Request	815	766	145,449
Change 2010 from 2009 Enacted	102	51	22,298

GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

(Dollars in thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2009 Enacted			2010 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
1. Civil Rights Enforcement	713	715	\$123,151	713	715	\$129,726
Total	713	715	123,151	713	715	129,726
Reimbursable FTE	0	24	0	0	18	0
Grand Total	713	739	\$123,151	713	733	\$129,726

Comparison by activity and program	Total Program Changes			2010 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
1. Civil Rights Enforcement	102	51	\$15,723	815	766	\$145,449
Total	102	51	15,723	815	766	145,449
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	18	0
Grand Total	102	51	\$15,723	815	784	\$145,449