

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CRIMINAL DIVISION
OFFICE OF OVERSEAS PROSECUTORIAL DEVELOPMENT, ASSISTANCE AND
TRAINING
EXPERIENCED ATTORNEY / GS-14 to GS-15 (COLOMBIA)**

The Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT), Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, seeks an experienced Department Trial Attorney or Assistant United States Attorney, or State Prosecutor to serve as one of the Resident Legal Advisor (RLA) in **Bogota, Colombia**, beginning mid to late summer 2009 (starting date is flexible). This assignment is a term of twelve months with the possibility of an extension contingent upon the availability of funding. **(This is a reimbursable detail).**

About the Office:

The mission of the Criminal Division's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT) is to develop and administer technical and developmental assistance designed to enhance the capabilities of foreign justice sector institutions and their law enforcement personnel, so those institutions and their personnel can more effectively combat terrorism, organized crime, corruption, financial crimes, trafficking in persons and other types of crime, in a manner consistent with the rule of law, and can more effectively cooperate regionally and with the United States in combating such crime.

**Responsibilities and
Opportunities Offered:**

The RLA will join others assigned to the U.S. Embassy Bogota representing the Department through its Justice Sector Reform Program, a major U.S. law enforcement program to assist the Government of Colombia strengthen its criminal justice system. The RLA will focus on trial advocacy, the transition toward an accusatory system, implementation of a new criminal procedure code, advancing the justice and peace process, human rights, asset forfeiture, and narcotics. The RLA will work closely with Colombian law enforcement and government officials, particularly Colombian prosecutors to design and implement technical assistance and development projects. These projects include technical advice to the Colombian Prosecutor General's Office on the development of major task forces, including those dealing with human rights violations, narcotics, money laundering and asset forfeiture, corruption, kidnapping and terrorism. The RLA will manage assistance projects, including developing curricula, selecting experts, evaluating results, and reporting. When appropriate, the RLA will personally provide assistance. The RLA will interact with other U.S. law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, DEA, Customs, ATF, Secret Service, IRS and U.S. Marshals Service. The assistance and development projects

managed by the RLA are closely coordinated with those of ICITAP, the police assistance entity of the Criminal Division. The RLA will also have financial management responsibilities.

Required and preferred Qualifications:

The applicant must have excellent interpersonal skills; possess the ability to function effectively in a multi-cultural environment; be mature and self-sufficient; be able to efficiently initiate and manage work projects; and possess extensive experience investigating and prosecuting criminal conduct. Fluency in spoken Spanish is required, that is the ability to understand all forms and styles of speech and use spoken Spanish accurately on all levels normally pertinent to professional needs. Proficiency in written Spanish is also required. Task Force prosecutorial experience is highly desirable. The position will require travel within Colombia and the region.

Application Process

Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter, as soon as possible, to the attention of Faye Ehrenstamm, Deputy Director, U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training, 1331 F Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20530, or Paul Vaky, Justice Sector Reform Program Manager, U.S. Embassy, Bogota. E-mailed and faxed submissions are acceptable. The fax number is (202) 616-6770. Ms Ehrenstamm's e-mail address is Faye.S.Ehrenstamm@usdoj.gov. Mr. Vaky's e-mail address is VakyP@state.gov or Paul.Vaky@usdoj.gov.

Deadline date:

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Salary Information:

Current salary and years of litigation experience will determine the appropriate salary. The possible salary range is GS-14 (\$102,721-\$133,543 per annum) to GS-15 (\$120,830 - \$153, 200 per annum).

This and selected other legal position announcements can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvacancies.html>.

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 persons selected will therefore be required to pass a drug test to screen for illegal drug use prior to final approval. 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.