

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

The Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT), Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, seeks two experienced DOJ attorneys or Assistant United States Attorneys to serve as Resident Legal Advisors (RLA) in **Mexico City, Mexico**. This assignment is for a term of one year, contingent on 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 represents the Department of Justice and OPDAT in the implementation of an OPDAT justice sector assistance program, which is part of the Merida Initiative. The RLAs will be responsible for implementation of programs that focus on criminal justice sector institutional development in Mexico, including prosecutorial capacity building; investigation and prosecution of complex and transnational cases; trial advocacy skills development; evidence collection and preservation; internal integrity systems, and pretrial alternatives. During their tenure, the selected attorneys will work closely with local law enforcement and government officials, including prosecutors, judges, parliamentarians, and others to develop and carry out the justice sector assistance program. The RLAs may also be called upon to provide advice to the administration of justice and rule of law programs.

Required and preferred Qualifications:

The applicants must have fluency in Spanish and excellent interpersonal skills, be a self-starter, and have extensive prosecutorial experience. Experience in bar activities, teaching, and designing course curricula is desired, but not required. Experience with international development projects are strongly preferred.

Application Process

Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter to Kathleen O'Connor (kathleen.oconnor@usdoj.gov) and Mirian Ramos (mirian.ramos@usdoj.gov). Faxed or e-mailed submissions are acceptable. The fax number is (202) 616-8429. Mail should be addressed to the attention of:

**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development,
Assistance and Training, Criminal Division
1331 F Street, NW, Suite 400,
Washington, DC 20004
ATTN: Verna Muckle, Office Manager**

Deadline date:

Applications will be accepted until **October 15, 2009**.

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/careers/oarm>.

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.