

**EXPERIENCED TRIAL ATTORNEY POSITIONS (GS-0905 -13/14/15)
ORGANIZED CRIME DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCES (OCDETF)
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 09-CRM-DET-035

The Executive Office for the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF), U.S. Department of Justice, seeks two experienced Assistant United States Attorneys (AUSAs) to serve one-year details in Washington, DC as Trial Attorneys assigned to the Office of International Affairs (OIA). (These are reimbursable details.)

About the Office:

The OCDETF Program is a cross-cutting, multi-agency approach to strategic counter-drug enforcement. The centerpiece of the Department's counter-narcotics strategy, it is a nationwide Program that combines the resources and expertise of its member agencies in concentrated, long-term criminal investigations and prosecutions designed to attack and destroy major narcotics trafficking and money laundering organizations. OCDETF's participating agencies are: the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Criminal Division; Drug Enforcement Administration; Federal Bureau of Investigation; U.S. Marshals Service; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations Division; U.S. Coast Guard; United States Attorneys' Offices; and numerous State and local law enforcement agencies. OCDETF agents and prosecutors throughout the United States handle complex investigations and prosecutions of the highest-level drug traffickers and money launderers who are responsible for the flood of illegal drugs into the United States and the violence generated by the drug trade.

**Responsibilities and
Opportunities Offered:**

The AUSAs selected will be employed by the Executive Office for OCDETF, but will be detailed to OIA to work in OIA's OCDETF Mexico Unit. The details will be for one year. (These are reimbursable details).

OIA's primary responsibilities are in the areas of international extradition of fugitives and evidence gathering (i.e., obtaining evidence for use in U.S. and foreign criminal investigations and prosecutions). In this regard, the office works directly with state and local as well as federal prosecutors and law enforcement agents to provide advice and assistance when international issues arise. OIA is also responsible for ensuring that the United States meets its reciprocal obligations to foreign countries with respect to the extradition of fugitives and the production of evidence located in the United States. While assigned to OIA, the attorney(s) selected will handle extensive, high-volume casework (international extradition and mutual legal assistance), law enforcement treaty

negotiations and implementation consultations, the preparation of briefing materials for the Attorney General and Department principals, and other international criminal law matters. These responsibilities require regular contact with U.S. federal, state, and local prosecutors and law enforcement personnel, other Department components, the State Department and various other federal agencies, as well as law enforcement counterparts abroad.

Required qualifications: Interested parties must possess a J.D., degree, be an active member of the bar (any jurisdiction), and have at least three years federal post-J.D. experience. Applicants must also have solid academic credentials as well as excellent writing and strong interpersonal skills. Experience in the field of criminal law is required. Applicants must be able to obtain and maintain a Top Secret security clearance.

Preferred qualifications: Applicants should also possess: strong speaking and presentation skills; experience in the training of, and development of professional training for, prosecutors and agents; strong background in criminal prosecution including long-term, complex narcotics and money laundering investigations; experience with electronic surveillance and related legal issues; strong experience in conducting domestic and international financial investigations; familiarity with federal investigatory agencies; and strong writing and analytical skills. Experience in handling international extradition and mutual legal assistance cases, and proficiency in at least one foreign language, are also desirable.

Travel: Periodic international and domestic travel, sometimes on short notice, is required.

Salary Information: Grade and salary range is GS-13 to GS-15 (\$86,927 to \$153,200), depending on current salary and experience (includes locality pay). (See OPM's Web page at www.opm.gov/oca/payrates/index.htm)

Location: Washington, D.C.

Relocation Expenses: Relocation expenses are not authorized.

Submission Process and Deadline Date: Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, brief writing sample, a copy of your latest Notification of Personnel Action (SF-50), and a current performance appraisal (if applicable) to:

Lisa Trueblood, Chief of Staff

Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces
United States Department of Justice
601 D Street, NW, Suite 9229
Washington, DC 20530

We encourage applications and resumes to be submitted by e-mail to Lisa.Trueblood@usdoj.gov. Applications and resumes may also be faxed to (202) 514-4367.

Submissions must be post-marked or received by September 16, 2009

Internet Sites:

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

For more information about the Criminal Division, visit: <http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/criminal-home.html>

Department Policies:

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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.

There is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference to attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, the Department of Justice considers veterans' preference eligibility as a positive factor in attorney hiring. Applicants eligible for veterans' preference must include that information in their cover letter or resume and attach supporting documentation (e.g., the DD 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty and other supporting documentation) to their submissions. Although the "point" system is not used, per se, applicants eligible to claim 10-point preference must submit Standard Form (SF) 15, Application for 10-Point Veteran Preference, and submit the supporting documentation required for the specific type of preference claimed (visit the OPM website, www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/SF15.pdf for a copy of SF 15, which lists the types of 10-point preferences and the required supporting document(s). Applicants should note that SF 15 requires supporting documentation associated with service-connected disabilities or receipt of non service-connected disability pensions to be dated 1991 or later except in the case of service members submitting official statements or retirement orders from a branch of the Armed Forces showing that his or her retirement was due to a permanent service-connected disability or that he/she was transferred to the permanent disability retired list (the statement or retirement orders must indicate that the disability is 10% or more).

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