

**TRIAL ATTORNEY  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMPUTER CRIME AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SECTION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 09-CRM-CCIPS-012**

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**Who May Apply:** Applications will be accepted from all qualified United States citizens.

**Closing Date:** Applications must be postmarked by **May 16, 2009**

**About the Office:** The Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section (CCIPS) leads the Department's efforts to combat computer and intellectual property crimes worldwide. In addition, CCIPS is the Department's expert on the confluence of law enforcement, communication and information technologies, and collection of electronic evidence.

The U.S. depends on information technology and is connected to the world via the Internet and other electronic means of communicating, making the nation a lucrative target for computer intrusions, data thefts, and cyber-attacks on information systems. Likewise, Intellectual Property (IP) has become one of the principal U.S. economic engines, and the nation is a target of choice for thieves of material protected by copyright, trademark, or trade-secret designation.

To fight these crimes, CCIPS' multi-faceted responsibilities include enforcement, law development, and advisory roles. Section attorneys prosecute computer and IP crimes and work closely with law enforcement agencies in the United States and abroad to investigate such crimes. CCIPS proposes and supports legislative efforts, both in the U.S. and abroad, to ensure that prosecutors and investigators have the legal tools to catch and convict those who use the latest technologies for their criminal activities. Section attorneys also provide guidance on computer and IP crime issues to other federal agencies, foreign governments, and federal, state, and foreign prosecutors and investigators.

**Responsibilities and Opportunities Offered:** Section attorneys are responsible for resolving unique legal issues raised by emerging technologies. Attorneys in the section

- investigate and prosecute cases involving IP violations, unlawful intrusions into computer systems, large scale data-theft, and similar computer crimes;
- advise prosecutors and law enforcement agents on high-tech and IP issues;
- speak to a variety of audiences and train investigators and other prosecutors;
- propose, write, and advise on legislation relating to computer and IP crimes and the collection of electronic evidence; and
- lead international efforts to promote effective cooperation to address the threats of computer and IP crime.

The Section also drafts policies and monographs addressing significant issues relating to its responsibilities.

## **Qualifications:**

*Required Qualifications:* Applicants must have a J.D. degree, a strong academic background, excellent research and communication skills (both oral and written). They must be admitted to practice before the bar of a U.S. jurisdiction, be an active member of that bar, and have at least two years post-graduation experience. Upon accepting an offer of employment, applicants must make a three-year commitment to the Criminal Division.

*Preferred Qualifications:* All of the following skills and experience are useful to CCIPS attorneys, and the Section especially seeks candidates with one or more of the following:

- first-chair criminal prosecution or defense experience;
- experience with complex investigations and the use of legal process (such as subpoenas and wiretap orders), especially in gathering electronic evidence.
- technical knowledge of computers, networking, and investigative technologies (such as tracing Internet communications);
- experience with legislative or policy development, especially policy related to criminal law, intellectual property, attacks on computer networks, and the collection of electronic evidence;
- substantive knowledge of 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment law, particularly as it relates to seizing computers;
- international experience that may include training, negotiating international agreements, and mutual legal assistance; also experience in fields related to CCIPS' work, such as computer security or intellectual property rights protection;
- working knowledge of U.S. government structures and inter-agency processes, especially relating to computer or intellectual property crime or the development of military, intelligence, or IT-security policy.

**Travel:** Some domestic and international travel may be required.

**Salary Information :** Current salary and years of experience determine the appropriate salary level within the following pay ranges: GS-13: \$86,927-\$113,007 per annum GS-14: \$102,721-\$133,543 per annum GS-15: \$120,830-\$153,200 per annum. For complete salary scale, See <http://www.opm.gov/oca/07tables/pdf/DCB.pdf>. For a general description of DOJ hiring, including a discussion of promotion policies, see <http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/images/lateralhiringguideforweb.pdf>.

**Location:** The position is located in Washington, DC.

**Relocation Expenses:** Relocation expenses are not authorized.

**Submission Process and Deadline Date:** Applicants must submit a cover letter (highlighting relevant experience); a detailed resume or OF-612 (Optional Application for Federal Employment) or SF-171 (Application for Federal Employment); and a current performance evaluation, if applicable, to:

[Employment.CCIPS@usdoj.gov](mailto:Employment.CCIPS@usdoj.gov) [E-mail submission preferred]

**or**, FedEx your package to:

Computer Crime & Intellectual Property Section  
U.S. Department of Justice  
1301 NY Avenue, N.W. (Suite 600)  
Washington, DC 20530  
Attn.: Al Rees, Hiring Coordinator

You may also fax your documents to: (202) 514-6113.

**Internet Sites:**

For information about the Criminal Division, see [www.usdoj.gov/criminal/index.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/index.html).

For more information about CCIPS and its work, see [www.cybercrime.gov/](http://www.cybercrime.gov/).

For other attorney vacancy announcements, see [www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvacancies.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvacancies.html).

**Department Policies:** The U.S. Department of Justice is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. Except where otherwise provided by law, there will be no discrimination based on color, race, religion, national origin, politics, marital status, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, 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.

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 are encouraged to include that information in their cover letter or resume and attach supporting documentation (e.g. the DD 214 or other substantiating documents) to their submissions.