



## Office of Inspector General for Health and Human Services

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## Careers for Attorneys

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) works to protect the health of all Americans and provides essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves. Congress appropriates more than \$580 billion for HHS programs and agencies, which include Medicare, Medicaid, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Administration for Children and Families.

As an independent component of HHS, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) is dedicated to protecting the integrity of HHS programs and the health and welfare of the beneficiaries of those programs. We are at the forefront of the Government's efforts to combat and prevent fraud, abuse, and waste in the nation's health and social service programs. Through a nationwide network of audits, investigations and evaluations of the over 300 HHS programs and operations, we provide timely and reliable information to policy makers, as well as develop cases for criminal, civil, and administrative prosecution.



## Office of Counsel to the Inspector General

With a staff of more than 65 professionals, the Office of Counsel to the Inspector General (OCIG) is a full service, in-house legal office for the OIG. We provide all legal support for OIG's internal operations as well as a wide range of advice and guidance on HHS programs and operations. In addition, the OCIG is involved in a broad range of important and challenging litigation affecting the health care industry. OCIG is comprised of three branches: the Administrative and Civil Remedies Branch, the Advice Branch, and the Industry Guidance branch.

## Administrative and Civil Remedies Branch

The Administrative and Civil Remedies Branch (ACRB) represents the OIG in all administrative and civil fraud enforcement actions and monitors the compliance of providers under integrity agreements. ACRB initiates and litigates actions seeking civil monetary penalties and the exclusion of health care providers from participating in Federal health care programs because of fraudulent or abusive conduct. Litigation is conducted before Administrative Law Judges and appeals are heard by the HHS Departmental Appeals Board and the federal courts. ACRB attorneys represent the OIG in these forums and are responsible for settlement negotiations, as well as discovery, motions, examination of witnesses, and presentation of evidence through briefs and at hearings.

In addition, ACRB attorneys work with the Department of Justice (DOJ) to develop and pursue False Claims Act cases against health care providers that defraud the Government. ACRB attorneys assist DOJ prosecutors in litigation and in settlement negotiations arising from these cases. In appropriate cases, they negotiate and monitor Corporate Integrity Agreements (CIAs) that impose integrity obligations on providers alleged to have engaged in fraudulent conduct.



## Advice Branch

The Advice Branch provides day-to-day legal counsel and representation to OIG managers and employees on a broad array of issues arising in the exercise of the Inspector General's responsibilities. This in-house counsel role includes: personnel law and employment discrimination; advice to OIG on the operation of HHS programs; the scope and exercise of the Inspector General's authorities and responsibilities; investigative techniques and procedures (including criminal procedure); information disclosure and privacy; the audit process; issuance and enforcement of federal subpoenas; ethics; and budget and appropriations.

## Industry Guidance Branch

The Industry Guidance Branch (IGB) issues advisory opinions, fraud alerts, and guidance to health care providers and others on the application of the fraud and abuse statutes to health care business arrangements; engages in outreach activities to promote industry compliance with the fraud and abuse statutes; drafts safe harbor and other regulations; provides technical assistance to government officials about the fraud and abuse statutes; and serves as an in-house resource for OIG staff, including investigators and auditors, on the Anti-kickback statute, the Stark law, Medicare and Medicaid payment rules, and health care business practices. IGB staff also develop guidance for the health care industry in establishing voluntary compliance programs.

## How to Apply for a Position

For further information about the OIG, look on our website: <http://oig.hhs.gov>. To apply for an attorney position in the Office of Counsel to the Inspector General, you may email a resume and writing sample to: [acrb.resumes@oig.hhs.gov](mailto:acrb.resumes@oig.hhs.gov) or contact us at:

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Positions are located in Washington, DC. Positions may require travel throughout the United States. Relocation expenses will not be reimbursed.

