# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

Vacancy Announcement Number CT-20-004

# **About the Office:**

The Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut prosecutes federal criminal offenses, litigates affirmative civil fraud and enforcement actions, and defends the U.S. Government's interest in civil cases. The District of Connecticut has three offices: New Haven, Bridgeport and Hartford, and has approximately 68 Assistant United States Attorneys representing the interests of the United States in the District of Connecticut. More information about the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Connecticut is available on our website at <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ct">www.justice.gov/usao-ct</a>

## **Job Description:**

The Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut is seeking applications for an Assistant United States Attorney to serve in the Criminal Division.

The Criminal Division in the District of Connecticut consists of four units. The National Security and Cybercrime Unit is responsible for prosecuting matters involving international and domestic terrorism, customs enforcement and identity theft, and the rapidly expanding problem of sophisticated cybercrimes. The Major Crimes Unit is responsible for prosecuting matters including immigration, human trafficking and child exploitation, civil rights and hate crimes, government program fraud, and environmental crimes. The Violent Crimes and Narcotics Unit includes the District's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF), Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) prosecutions, and violent crime, gangs, and narcotics investigations. Finally, the Financial Fraud and Public Corruption Unit includes securities and investor fraud, public corruption, bank fraud and embezzlement, mortgage fraud, tax fraud, health care fraud, bankruptcy fraud and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations.

#### **Qualifications:**

Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of the bar (any jurisdiction), and have at least 1-year post-J.D. legal or other relevant experience.

Preferred qualifications: Applicants should have excellent writing and oral communication skills, strong character, dedication, work ethic, and the ability to work well with others and independently.

United States citizenship is required.

You must meet all qualification requirements upon the closing date of this

announcement.

<u>Travel</u>: Occasional travel within and outside the District will be required.

**Type of Position:** All initial attorney appointments to the Department of Justice are made on

a 14 month (temporary) basis pending favorable adjudication of a

background investigation.

**Salary Information:** Assistant United States Attorneys' pay is administratively determined

based, in part, on the number years of professional attorney experience. The pay range is \$71,484 to \$170,700 (AD-21 through AD-29), including

locality pay.

**Location:** The duty location for this position will be:

New Haven, Hartford, or Bridgeport, Connecticut.

**Relocation Expenses:** Relocation expenses will not be paid.

**Number of Positions:** 1

**Application Process** and Deadline Date:

To receive consideration for this vacancy, submit a cover letter and resume, including a detailed description of employment history (month/year), by **October 9, 2020**. Please submit applications by email (preferred) to usact.applications@usdoj.gov or by mail to:

Richard Molot, Assistant United States Attorney, 157 Church Street, 25th Floor, New Haven, Connecticut 06510

No telephone calls please.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU RECENTLY APPLIED TO OUR OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO CRIMINAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT CT-20-003, YOU NEED NOT APPLY FOR THIS CURRENT VACANCY, AS YOUR PRIOR APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS POSITION.

**Security Requirements:** Initial appointment is conditioned upon a satisfactory preemployment

adjudication. This includes fingerprint, credit and tax checks, and drug testing. In addition, continued employment is subject to a favorable

adjudication of a background investigation.

**Selective Service:** If you are a male applicant born after December 31, 1959, you must

certify that you have registered with the Selective Service System, or are

exempt from having to do so under the Selective Service Law. See www.sss.gov.

#### **Evaluation Method**:

Once your complete application package is received, it will be reviewed to ensure you meet all job requirements. An attorney interview panel will then review all qualified applicants and make recommendations for invitation to interview. You will be notified if selected for an interview.

## **Other Benefits:**

The Department of Justice offers a comprehensive benefits package that includes, in part, paid vacation; sick leave; holidays; telework; life insurance; health benefits; and participation in the Federal Employees Retirement System. This link provides an overview of the benefits currently offered to Federal employees:

https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Pay\_and\_Benefits.

#### **Transit Subsidy:**

Our office offers monthly transit subsidy passes for those employees utilizing public transportation. This includes buses and light rail. The pass is currently available and may or may not be extended depending on whether the transit subsidy program is continued by the Department of Justice.

# **Internet Sites:**

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

# **Department Policies:**

Assistant United States Attorneys generally must reside in the district to which he or she is appointed or within 25 miles thereof. See 28 U.S.C. § 545 for district-specific information.

The U.S. Department of Justice is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. Except where otherwise provided by law, there will be no discrimination because of color, race, religion, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, disability (physical or mental), age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, genetic information, status as a parent, membership or non-membership in an employee organization, on the basis of personal favoritism, or any non merit factor. 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 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 nonservice-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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