



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Office of the Solicitor General (OSG)

FY 2018 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2017 Continuing Resolution:	\$11.9 million (55 positions; 23 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$54,000
Program Changes:	+\$0
FY 2018 Budget Request:	\$11.9 million (48 positions; 23 attorneys)
Change From FY 2017 Continuing Resolution:	+\$54,000 (+0.5%) (-7 positions)

Mission:

The mission of the OSG is to conduct all litigation on behalf of the United States and its agencies in the Supreme Court of the United States, to approve decisions to appeal and seek further review in cases involving the United States in the lower federal courts, and to supervise the handling of litigation in the federal appellate courts.

Organization:

OSG is headed by the Solicitor General, who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Within the attorney staff, 16 career staff attorneys work with three career Deputy Solicitors General, the Principal Deputy Solicitor General, and the Solicitor General to prepare oral arguments, Supreme Court briefs, and other related legal materials. The 25 support positions are organized into three sections that include Administration, Case Management and Research and Publications.

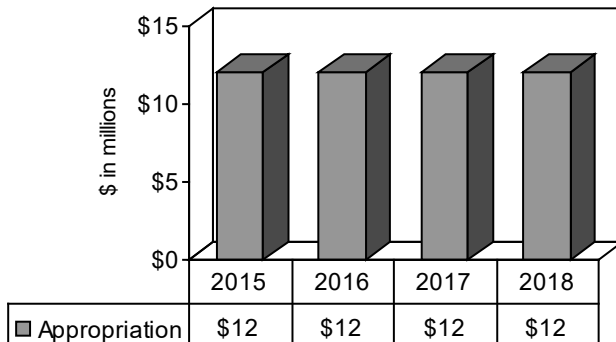
Resources:

The FY 2018 budget request for OSG totals \$11.9 million, which is a 0.5% increase over the FY 2017 Continuing Resolution.

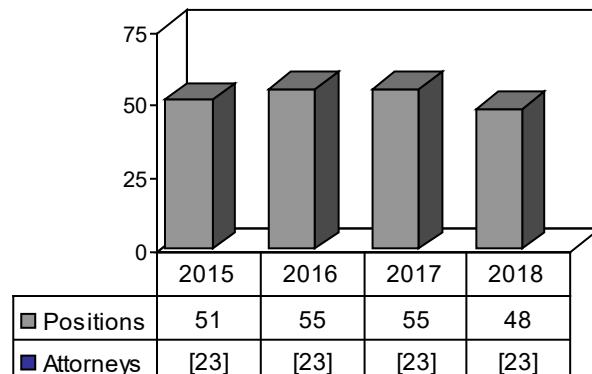
Personnel:

The OSG's direct positions for FY 2018 total 48 positions. OSG's FY 2018 request includes a decrease of 7 positions from the FY 2017 Continuing Resolution level of 55 direct positions.

Funding (FY 2015 - 2018)



Personnel (FY 2015 - 2018)



FY 2018 Strategy:

The OSG is required to handle all appropriate Supreme Court cases and requests for appeal, amicus, or intervention authorization. In the vast majority of cases filed in the Supreme Court in which the United States is a party, a petition is filed by an adverse party and the United States is obligated to respond in some way, either by filing a brief or (after review of the case) waiving the right to do so. Additionally, the Supreme Court formally requests the Solicitor General to express the views of the United States on whether the Court should grant certiorari in cases in which the United States is not a party. The number of cases in which the Solicitor General petitions the Supreme Court for review, acquiesces in a petition for a writ of certiorari filed by an adverse party, or participates as an intervener or as amicus curiae is governed exclusively by the Solicitor General's determination that it is in the best interest of the United States to take such action. Such activity may vary widely from year to year.

FY 2018 Program Changes:

The budget proposal includes funds for current services for OSG. No program changes are requested.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Office of the Solicitor General		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2016 Appropriation	55	45	11,885
2017 Continuing Resolution	55	56	11,885
2017 Rescission - 0.1901%	0	0	-23
2017 Continuing Resolution	55	56	11,862
2018 Request	48	48	11,916
Change 2018 from 2017 Continuing Resolution	-7	-8	54
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	-7	-8	18
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	33
Other Adjustments	0	0	3
Total Base Adjustments	-7	-8	54
2018 Current Services	48	48	11,916
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Subtotal, Program Increases	0	0	0
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	0	0	0
2018 Request	48	48	11,916

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Comparison by activity and program	2017 Continuing Resolution			2018 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Federal Appellate Activity	55	56	11,862	48	48	11,916
Total	55	56	11,862	48	48	11,916
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	55	56	11,862	48	48	11,916

Comparison by activity and program	2018 Total Program Changes			2018 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Federal Appellate Activity	0	0	0	48	48	11,916
Total	0	0	0	48	48	11,916
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	0	0	0	48	48	11,916