



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Office of the Solicitor General (OSG)

FY 2024 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2023 Enacted:	\$14.5 million (55 positions; 23 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$538,000
Program Changes:	+\$1.1 million
FY 2024 Budget Request:	\$16.1 million (57 positions; 25 attorneys)
Change From FY 2023 Enacted:	+\$1.6 million (+11.2%) (+2 positions; +2 attorneys)

Mission:

The mission of the Office of the Solicitor General (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:

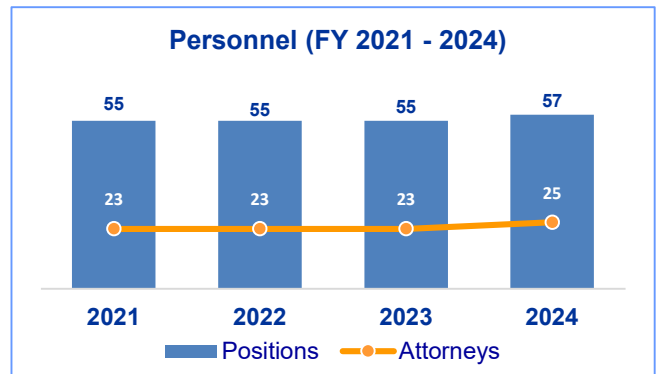
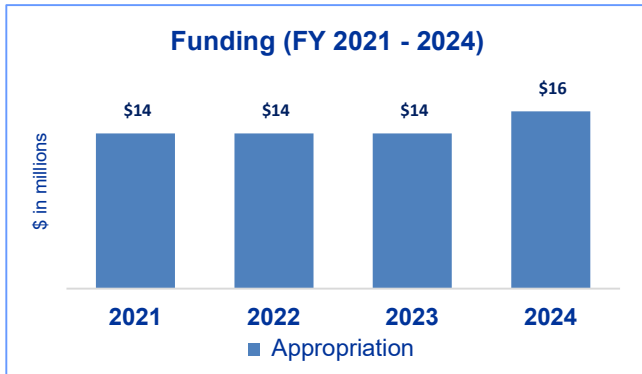
The OSG is headed by the Solicitor General, who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Career staff attorneys work with four career Deputy Solicitors General, the Principal Deputy Solicitor General, and the Solicitor General to prepare oral arguments, Supreme Court briefs, and other related legal materials. Support positions are organized into three sections that include: the Executive Office; Case Management; and Research and Publications. The Executive Office also supports the administrative functions of the Office of Legal Counsel.

Resources:

The FY 2024 budget request for the OSG totals \$16.1 million, which is a 11.2 percent increase over the FY 2023 Enacted.

Personnel:

The OSG's direct authorized positions for FY 2024 total 57 positions, including an increase of two positions over the FY 2023 Enacted of 55 direct authorized positions.



FY 2024 Strategy:

In recent years, immigration, constitutional, and criminal cases have been at the heart of the Supreme Court's caseload. For example, with respect to criminal cases, the Supreme Court will decide in its current term whether sentencing a juvenile to life without parole violates the Eighth Amendment if the State characterizes its sentencing scheme as "discretionary"; whether a defendant may be punished as an armed career criminal based in part on a prior crime that requires a *mens rea* of recklessness; and whether a person who is authorized to access a computer, but uses that access for an unauthorized purpose, violates a Federal computer crime statute. These cases require a substantial devotion of energy in order to understand the intricate statutory, constitutional, and historical context and to assimilate the wide range of views both inside and outside government as to the proper balance of interests in these cases.

The Solicitor General likewise defends the implementation of an expanding set of government programs and congressional enactments. Although the precise docket is impossible to predict, experience suggests that the OSG will continue to be involved in cases defining an array of Federal statutes, including the Securities Act and the Securities Exchange Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Labor Management Relations Act, the Federal Arbitration Act, the Clean Air Act, the Truth in Lending Act, the Immigration and Nationality Act, the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, and the Bankruptcy Code. In preparation for these cases, OSG attorneys engage in extensive coordination and consultation with the agencies that Congress has directed to implement these statutes.

Finally, the OSG regularly handles important foreign affairs cases, including cases under the Alien Tort Statute and the Torture Victims Protection Act, as well as important constitutional cases. These cases can affect the structure of government and the relationship between the Branches, and they can have important consequences for the conduct of foreign affairs.

FY 2024 Program Changes:

Attorney Positions: \$452,000 and 2 positions (2 attorneys)
The OSG is requesting an increase of two attorney positions in furtherance of its mission. The additional resources will support the office in a full range of matters that include the drafting of briefs in opposition to certiorari, petitions for certiorari and briefs on the merits in Supreme Court cases, recommendations to the Solicitor General regarding authorization of government appeals in the lower courts, and assisting in the preparation of oral arguments in the Supreme Court. Current services for this initiative are \$14.9 million and 55 positions (23 attorneys).

Mission Critical Contract Support Staff: \$625,000 and 0 positions

The OSG is requesting funding for necessary contractor resources to provide professional services in furtherance of its mission. Services include operations and maintenance support of the OSG's Automated ReRecommendations System (ARCS), paralegal support for the OSG's Research & Publications Section (R&P), and paralegal support of OSG's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) program. Additional funding is necessary to maintain technical support and operations of the ARCS system and professional services that support R&P and FOIA programs, which are necessary to ensure the OSG meets its obligations to the Department. There are no current services for this initiative.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Office of the Solicitor General		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2022 Appropriation	55	47	14,087
2023 Enacted	55	55	14,460
2024 Request	57	57	16,075
Change 2024 from 2023 Enacted	2	2	1,615
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	508
Other Adjustments	0	0	30
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	538
2024 Current Services	55	55	14,998
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Attorney Positions	2	2	452
Mission Critical Contract Support Staff	0	0	625
Subtotal, Program Increases	2	2	1,077
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	2	2	1,077
2024 Request	57	57	16,075

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Comparison by activity and program	2023 Enacted			2024 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Federal Appellate Activity	55	55	14,460	55	55	14,998
Total	55	55	14,460	55	55	14,998

Comparison by activity and program	2024 Total Program Changes			2024 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Federal Appellate Activity	2	2	1,077	57	57	16,075
Total	2	2	1,077	57	57	16,075