

Experienced Litigation Attorney

About the Office

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) supports the mission of the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) in protecting the health of Americans and providing essential human services. OIG's 1600 dedicated professionals promote the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of HHS programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and Head Start. The integrity of these programs is evaluated for success, and any fraud, waste or abuse is addressed by OIG.

With a staff of more than 75 professionals, the Office of Counsel to the Inspector General (OCIG) provides all legal services for OIG. The office is divided into three branches: Administrative and Civil Remedies (ACRB), Advice, and Industry Guidance. This announcement is for a vacancy in ACRB. 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, represents OIG in all administrative and civil fraud enforcement actions, monitors the compliance of providers under integrity agreements, defends OIG in administrative appeals, and resolves self-disclosures made through the OIG Self-Disclosure Protocol.

Job Description

ACRB seeks experienced litigators to represent OIG in the litigation and settlement of administrative litigation matters involving OIG's administrative sanctions (*i.e.*, civil monetary penalties and exclusions) for false claims, kickbacks, sub-standard quality of care, and other conduct. During the last fiscal year, OIG recovered more than \$37 million through 123 administrative cases. OIG is building a team of attorneys to focus on OIG-initiated administrative enforcement, and is seeking experienced litigators to fill the team. The candidates may also represent OIG in civil litigation and settlement, appeals of program exclusions, monitoring of Corporate Integrity Agreements, and resolution of self-disclosed conduct.

Please see OIG's web site for more information: <https://oig.hhs.gov/about-oig/careers/index.asp>

Qualifications

All candidates should have significant experience in health care fraud and abuse law, as well as in administrative, civil, or criminal litigation. In addition, candidates should possess strong writing, advocacy, and negotiation skills.

Applicants must be graduates of a full course of study in a School of Law accredited by the American Bar Association and be a member in good standing of the bar of a state, territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Applicants must also be U.S. citizens.

Salary

This position is being advertised at the GS 12/13/14/15 levels. OIG will determine salary based on the candidate's years of experience, qualifications, and current salary.

Travel

Occasional travel to OIG regional and field offices and to represent OIG in litigation matters, training, etc. will be required.

Location/Relocation expenses

This position is located in Washington, DC. Relocation expenses will not be paid.

Application Process

Interested candidates should send a resume and writing sample to Acrb.Resumes@oig.hhs.gov. Please reference the announcement number, ACRB Announcement #3, in your email.

Application Deadline

This announcement will be open until 11:59 p.m. on 8/12/2015. Applications must be submitted by that time in order to be considered.

OIG Employment Policies

For male applicants born after December 31, 1959, the applicant must have registered with Selective Service.

The applicant must submit to and pass a background investigation.

OIG 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 (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. OIG welcomes and encourages applications from persons with disabilities. OIG 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. 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.

There is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference to attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, OIG considers veterans' preference eligibility as a positive factor in attorney hiring. Applicants eligible for veterans' preference must indicate their preference in their cover letter or resume and they must submit supporting documentation (e.g., DD 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty and other supporting documentation) which verifies their eligibility for preference. 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, http://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 non-service-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).