

OVERVIEW

Job Title: Supervisory Attorney (Deputy Branch Chief)

Department: Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Agency: Office of Inspector General (OIG)

Hiring Organization: Office of Counsel to the Inspector General (OCIG)

Open & Closing Dates: September 29, 2026, to October 5, 2026

Salary: \$150,359 to \$ 197,200 Per Year (salary will be adjusted based on duty location)

Pay Scale & Grade: GS-15

Locations: Two vacancies in the following locations: Position will be located at HHS OIG Headquarters, Los Angeles, California, Dallas, Texas, Chicago, Illinois, Washington, District of Columbia, Atlanta, Georgia, New York, New York, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Miami, Florida, Kansas City, Missouri, San Francisco, California, Boston, Massachusetts

Remote Job: No

Telework Eligible: subject to applicable telework policy.

Travel Required: 25% or less - You may be expected to travel for this position.

Relocation Expenses Reimbursed: No

Appointment Type: Permanent

Work Schedule: Full-time

Service: Excepted

Job Family (Series): 0905 - Attorney

Supervisory Status: Yes

Security Clearance: Not Required

Drug Test: No

Position Sensitivity and Risk: High Risk (HR)

Trust Determination Process: Credentialing, Suitability/Fitness

SUMMARY

Summary: This position is in the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, Office of Counsel to the Inspector General.

THIS JOB IS OPEN TO:

Hiring Paths: Current HHS OIG employees only

DUTIES:

The Litigation Branch (LB) represents OIG in administrative and civil fraud enforcement actions, pursues administrative penalties and exclusions in fraud cases, negotiates integrity agreements, defends the Inspector General in appeals of civil monetary penalty and exclusion matters, and provides legal advice on litigation-related issues.

A Deputy Branch Chief of LB supervises a team of attorneys and professional staff ranging from GS-11 to GS-15. A Deputy Branch Chief typically supervises five to eight attorneys and professional staff who represent OIG in administrative health care fraud cases, civil monetary penalty and exclusion cases, and general litigation related matters. The Deputy Branch Chief works collaboratively with the LB management team to develop policy related to LB's work and OIG litigation related issues and strategy. The Deputy Branch Chief is responsible for performance management for direct reports and special projects as assigned. The Deputy Branch Chief coordinates extensively with the LB Branch Chief and other branch management to develop OCIG-wide policy, briefs the OIG Immediate Office on litigation related issues, and reports results to OCIG, OIG, and HHS leadership.

In addition to supervisory and management responsibilities, the LB Deputy Branch Chief is expected to maintain an individual caseload, participate directly in investigations and litigation, and advise on matters involving civil money penalties under section 1128A of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7a, and other civil monetary penalty authorities. The Deputy Branch Chief also participates in United States District Court and Circuit Court litigation, actions before administrative law judges, state court litigation, exclusions of providers from Medicare, Medicaid, and other Federal health care programs, matters arising under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733, and other general legal matters.

REQUIREMENTS

Conditions Of Employment:

- U.S. Citizenship is required.
- Registration with the Selective Service (if applicable).
- You may be required to serve a two-year trial period.

Qualifications: Applicants must meet all the qualification requirements, including education, and any selective placement factors described below within 30 days of the closing date of this announcement.

Positive Education Requirement: This position has a position education requirement, as indicated below. **A complete transcript showing relevant coursework and degrees must be submitted with your application package.** A list of completed courses or incomplete transcripts will not be accepted.

Minimum Requirements: Applicants must have graduated with a Juris Doctorate (JD) or Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association and must be a current member, in good standing of a state, territory of the United States, District of Columbia, or Commonwealth of Puerto Rico bar association.

GS-15: Applicants must have at least four years of professional legal experience post bar admission equivalent to at least the GS-14 grade level. Experience may be outside of the Federal Government.

Highly qualified applicants will have experience as an attorney advising agencies (Federal, state, or local), individuals, or entities on matters concerning criminal, civil, and/or administrative investigations of health care fraud. In addition, highly qualified applicants will have sophisticated analytical skills, superior written and oral communications skills, good judgment, and experience in interacting with government and non-government officials. Finally, highly qualified applicants will have been responsible for planning, directing, and evaluating work, either in a managerial capacity or in another leadership role.

Experience refers to paid and unpaid experience, including volunteer work done through National Service programs (e.g., Peace Corps, AmeriCorps) and other organizations (e.g., professional; philanthropic; religious; spiritual; community, student, social). Volunteer work helps build critical competencies, knowledge, and skills and can provide valuable training and experience that translates directly to paid employment. You will receive credit for all qualifying experience, including volunteer experience. Your resume should include the dates of all qualifying experience (from month/year to month/year) and the number of hours worked/volunteered per week.

Education: Foreign Education: Education completed in foreign colleges or universities may be used to meet education requirements if you can show that the foreign education is comparable to that received in an accredited educational institution in the United States. It is your responsibility to provide such evidence when applying. Click on the link for a [list of accrediting organizations](#) recognized as specializing in interpretation of foreign education credentials.

Additional Information:

Recruitment Incentives: Payment for relocation expenses is not authorized for this position. A recruitment bonus will not be offered. Repayment of student loans will not be offered.

Security and Background Requirements: A background security investigation will be required for all appointees. Appointment will be subject to the applicant's successful completion of a background security investigation and favorable adjudication. Failure to successfully meet these requirements may be grounds for appropriate personnel action. In addition, if hired, a background security reinvestigation or supplemental investigation may be required at a later time. Applicants are also advised that all information concerning qualifications is subject to investigation. False representation may be grounds for non-consideration, non-selection and/or appropriate disciplinary action.

EEO Statement: HHS is an equal opportunity employer. Selection for this position will be based solely on merit without regard to race, color, religion, age, gender, national origin, political affiliation, disability, sexual orientation, marital or family status, or other differences.

Direct Deposit: All Federal employees are required to have Federal salary payments made by direct deposit to a financial institution of their choosing.

Disabled Veteran Leave: HHS OIG participates in the Wounded Warrior Federal Leave Act of 2015. To learn more about this benefit, please go to: [Disabled Veteran Leave](#).

Fair Chance to Compete for Jobs Act (“Fair Chance Act”): The Fair Chance to Compete for Jobs Act prohibits federal agencies from requesting an applicant's criminal history record **prior** to extending a conditional offer of employment. **In accordance with 5 U.S. Code § 9202(c) and 5 C.F.R. § 920.201 certain positions are exempt from the provisions of the Fair Chance Act.**

Applicants who believe they have been subjected to a violation of the Fair Chance Act may submit a written complaint to the Department by email at FairChanceAct@hhs.gov

Benefits Link:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/benefits/>

HOW YOU WILL BE EVALUATED

How You Will Be Evaluated: Your application will be evaluated on the quality and extent of your experience, education (if applicable), and training relevant to the duties of this position. If you are found minimally qualified for the job, your application package will be further evaluated to determine your possession of the critical knowledge, skills, abilities, and other characteristics required for this position. Your resume must document specialized experience to support your qualifications.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Required Documents: All applicants are required to submit the following supporting document type(s):

- Resume: Federal agencies only accept resumes up to two pages in length to comply with the [Merit Hiring Plan](#). Please visit this [Website](#) for further instructions. Applicants who submit a resume longer than two pages may be found ineligible for further consideration.
- Transcripts (unofficial)
- Proof of Active Bar Status

Current or Former Political Appointees: OPM requires agencies to seek prior approval before they can appoint a current or recent political appointee to a competitive or non-political excepted service position at any level. Additional information can be found at: [Political Appointees and Career Civil Service Positions FAQ - OPM.gov](#). If you are currently or have been within the last five years, a political Schedule A, Schedule C, or Non-career SES employee in the executive branch, this information must be disclosed to Human Resources. Such applicants must submit a copy of an SF-50 documenting the appointment with all other required application documents.

Veterans Preference Documentation (if applicable): If you are a discharged, non-disabled veteran, you must submit a copy of your DD-214 showing character discharge (Member 4 copy), or other Documentation of Service and Separation under Honorable Conditions. If you don't have your DD-214, you may request it after discharge from the National Archives at www.archives.gov/veterans.

If you are a veteran within 120 days of discharge, you must submit signed documentation from the Armed Forces certifying: 1) your expected release/retirement from active duty, 2) under honorable conditions, 3) your pay grade/rank/rate at time of discharge, 4) dates of active duty service, 5) any campaign or expeditionary medals received, and 6) dated within 120 days of your separation.

If you are a disabled veteran, Purple Heart recipient, or mother or spouse of a disabled or deceased veteran, you must submit a completed SF 15 (see form at http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/SF15.pdf) and all additional proof required by the SF-15, as applicable. If you don't have your Department of Veterans Affairs letter establishing proof of disability, you may request it at [VA.gov Home | Veterans Affairs](#) or call 1-800-827-1000.

Financial Disclosure: This position may be subject to financial disclosure requirements, which must be filed within 30 days of the appointment. For more information about Financial Disclosure and OGE Form 450, you may go to the Office of Government Ethics website at www.oge.gov and select Financial Disclosure. Frequently Asked Questions can be found at <http://www.oge.gov/Financial-Disclosure/Confidential-Financial-Disclosure-450/OGE-Form-450-FAQs/OGE-Form-450-FAQs/>.

HOW TO APPLY: Email application materials to: robert.penezic@oig.hhs.gov, with the required documents included. Questions regarding this vacancy or the application process should be directed at Robert Penezic.

Application materials must be received by 11:59pm Eastern Time on October 5, 2026.

This announcement may be used to fill one or more vacancies.

Next Steps: The most highly qualified candidates will be referred to the hiring manager for further consideration and possible interview. You will receive notice via email or phone once this process is completed.

Reasonable accommodation policy

Federal agencies must provide reasonable accommodation for applicants with disabilities where appropriate. Applicants requiring reasonable accommodation for any part of the application process should contact Tynishia Gardner. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Privacy Act

Privacy Act Notice (PL 93-579): We use this information to determine qualifications for employment. This is authorized under Title 5 U.S.C. 3302 and 3361