



ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

14-NDAL-02

About the Office: The United States Attorney's Office in the Northern District of Alabama serves the District by representing the interests of the United States in litigation and community affairs related to law enforcement. The Office prosecutes violations of federal criminal law. It also defends the United States in civil law suits and seeks to recover from instances of fraud committed against the United States and take other affirmative civil enforcement action. The Office works with federal, state, and local law enforcement to protect and serve the district. The United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Alabama covers 31 of the state's 67 counties, and has a branch office located in Huntsville, Alabama. Our mission is threefold: (1) to prosecute violations of federal criminal law, (2) to prosecute on behalf of or defend the United States in civil actions, and (3) to collect otherwise administratively uncollectible financial judgments on behalf of the United States. Assistant United States Attorneys in this district are charged with demonstrating exceptional competence, unquestionable integrity, and a commitment to serve the citizens of this district as they accomplish the office's mission.

Responsibilities and Opportunity Offered: The Northern District of Alabama is currently seeking one attorney for an anticipated Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) position in our Civil Division. This position will be located in the main office in Birmingham, Alabama. The Civil Division represents the United States in Civil Defensive cases, representing its agencies and employees at the trial and appellate levels in a wide variety of civil actions in federal and state courts. These AUSAs frequently defend employment discrimination cases, personal injury actions, medical malpractice claims arising out of treatment at a Veterans' Hospital or other federally-supported health facilities, challenges to agency determinations such as

the denial of social security disability benefits, and decisions by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to deport or detain aliens. The division is also responsible for a broad range of other matters, including requests to amend records under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act, appeals and/or challenges under the Administrative Procedure Act, and defense of government officials sued in their individual capacities.

The Civil Division also has an Affirmative Civil Enforcement Unit. This unit prosecutes civil actions to recover damages for fraud and other offenses against the United States and its agencies; imposes civil penalties for violations of the nation's health, safety and economic welfare laws; and uses the Fraud Injunction Statute to enjoin ongoing mail, wire or bank frauds and to freeze ill-gotten gains derived from those frauds. Typical cases involve claims for payment submitted to Medicare by health care providers, claims for payment submitted by contractors government contracts, and claims by individuals for certain federal benefits. The employees in this unit work closely with Criminal Division AUSAs and other federal, state, and local agencies.

Qualifications: Required 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. experience. Applicants are required to be a member of the Alabama Bar or willing to become a member within the first 24 months of employment. The person selected for this position must be fully and exclusively invested in the Northern District of Alabama.

Preferred qualifications: Applicants for this position should possess experience in managing and organizing voluminous documentary evidence and synthesizing the information in these materials to present effective cases. Applicants must also possess superior research and writing abilities must be able to prepare high quality and persuasive pleadings; and must demonstrate analytical ability, good judgment, and excellent communication skills.

Travel: Occasional travel, both within and outside the District, may be required.

Salary Information: Assistant United States Attorneys' pay is administratively determined based, in part, on the number years of professional attorney experience. The range of basic pay is \$45,027 to \$132,849 plus locality pay where authorized.

Location: These positions are located in the Birmingham and/or Huntsville office.

Birmingham is an area of rolling hills, beautiful lakes, downtown lofts, evening concerts in the park, nationally ranked restaurants, and an amusement and theme park. Huntsville/Madison County offers a highly educated workforce, the second-largest research park in the nation, top ranked schools and beautiful mountain lakes and vistas.

Relocation Expenses: Relocation expenses will not be authorized.

Application Process and Deadline Date: All resumes/applications should be mailed to :

Human Resources
United States Attorney's Office
1801 Fourth Avenue
North Birmingham, Alabama 35203

No telephone calls please.

Resumes must be postmarked by February 26, 2014. Resumes and cover letters should include the vacancy announcement number shown at the top of this announcement (**14-NDAL-02**).

Internet Sites: Other information about the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Alabama may be found at: <http://www.justice.gov/usao/aln/>

This and other attorney vacancy announcements can be found at:
<http://www.justice.gov/careers/legal/attvacancies.html>

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

All initial attorney appointments to the Department of Justice are made on a time-limited (temporary) basis. Temporary appointments may, or may not, be extended or made permanent without further competition.

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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