



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Civil Division (CIV)

FY 2025 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2024 Continuing Resolution:	\$374.6 million (1,239 positions; 979 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$16.6 million
Program Changes:	+\$9.2 million
FY 2025 Budget Request:	\$400.4 million (1,281 positions; 997 attorneys)
Change From FY 2024 Continuing Resolution:	+\$25.9 million (+6.9%) (+42 positions; +18 attorneys)

Mission:

The Civil Division (CIV) represents the legal interests of the United States, safeguards taxpayer dollars, and protects the health, safety, and economic security of the American people. In total, CIV litigates matters on behalf of over 100 different Federal agencies, which encompasses a wide range of the Federal Government’s legal interests. It includes cases relating to cyber and national security, challenges to critical public-health measures, immigration policies and decisions, as well as disputes arising from Congressional enactments and contracts. It also encompasses efforts to combat fraud and abuse in federal funds and benefits, multi-million-dollar tort claims; consumer protection matters; alleged takings of property; and disputes over intellectual property.

Across these cases, CIV not only defends the Government’s interests, but also saves billions of taxpayer dollars. In addition, CIV recovers billions of dollars for taxpayers and protects vulnerable Americans through affirmative litigation, such as its enforcement of Federal consumer protection laws and its efforts under the False Claims Act. This includes cases targeting healthcare, elder, financial, and cybersecurity fraud. CIV also protects the health, safety, and economic security of Americans by enforcing protections for the safety of food and medicines, works to ensure that the Federal Government, defends laws enacted by Congress.

Resources:

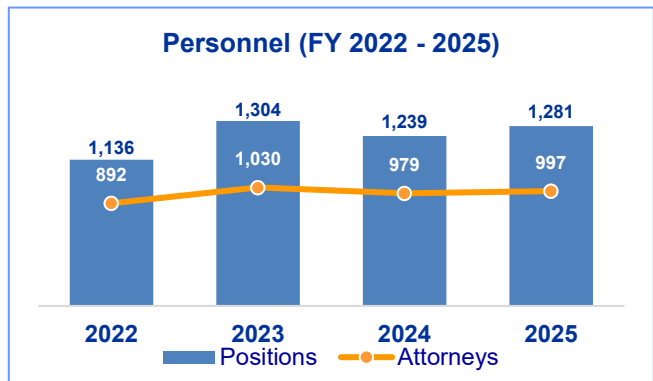
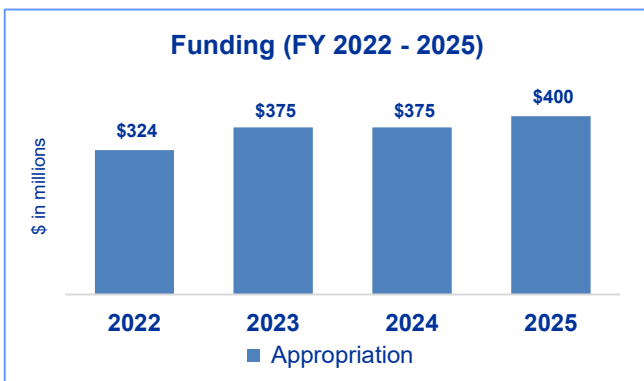
The FY 2025 budget request for CIV totals \$400.4 million, which is a 6.9 percent increase over the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution.

Organization:

The CIV Assistant Attorney General is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. CIV is comprised of six litigating branches and an administrative office. The six litigating branches are: the Commercial Litigation Branch, the Federal Programs Branch, the Office of Immigration Litigation, the Torts Branch, the Appellate Staff, and the Consumer Protection Branch.

Personnel:

The CIV’s direct authorized positions for FY 2025 total 1,281 positions, including an increase of 42 positions over the FY 2024 Continuing Resolution of 1,239 direct authorized positions.



FY 2025 Strategy:

CIV will continue to represent the legal interests of the United States, safeguard taxpayer dollars, and protect the health, safety, and economic security of the American people.

The vast majority of CIV's work involves defensive litigation, including legal challenges to Federal activities, and tort, contract and other suits against the United States seeking monetary damages or injunctive relief. Opposing parties file constitutional, contractual, and accident-liability challenges, and many other lawsuits against the United States in domestic and foreign courts. Opponents decide the time, nature, and location of the claim. Once litigation commences, the Federal Government must respond to the suit to avoid a default judgment or sanction. The events that give rise to litigation are typically beyond the Division's control. CIV must strongly defend the Federal Government in these increasingly complex matters that are fast-moving, consequential cases, often against litigious and well-represented challengers.

In its affirmative litigation, CIV has recovered billions of dollars for the United States. In FY 2023 alone, CIV returned over \$4.0 billion to the U.S. Treasury in cyber, healthcare, and financial fraud, and other affirmative civil and criminal cases. CIV has played a leading role in these Administration and Department priorities and has been at the forefront of pursuing fraud associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and the opioid epidemic. CIV's consumer litigation also includes a focus on cases against those who market unsafe or fraudulent products and services, such as the sale and marketing of false, unapproved, misbranded, and counterfeit treatments and preventive therapies, as well as the improper prescribing of medications.

Moreover, CIV litigates procurement fraud matters to ensure that government resources are not misused, and it also pursues customs enforcement matters and cases of civil cyber fraud. Fraud cases are complex, require teams of dedicated attorneys and support staff, and necessitate extensive technology resources to assist in the billions of pages of discovery materials. CIV will continue to use innovative and advanced litigating strategies and tools, as well as employ top-notch attorneys to ensure the Department's continued success in litigation.

Additionally, the Civil Division plays a vital role in the Nation's immigration system, working to promote a fair and equitable system that reflects the Nation's values. The Division serves as a liaison and provides training to all of the government's immigration agencies and dependable counsel before the courts. Overall, the Division's work reflects the diversity of the Federal Government's activities, and CIV provides legal advice to agencies interpreting, modifying, or promulgating regulations; or responding to novel requirements and crises.

Finally, outside of traditional litigation, CIV administers three compensation programs: the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program, the September 11th Victim Compensation Program, and the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.

FY 2025 Program Changes:

Camp Lejeune PACT Act Litigation: \$9.2 million and 20 positions (7 attorneys)

The "Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022" (CLJA), Pub. L. No. 117-168 § 804, was enacted on August 10, 2022, as part of the "Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022" or the "Honoring our PACT Act of 2022" (PACT Act). This statute aims to provide "appropriate relief" to service members and others who were exposed to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune, NC, between 1953 and 1987, and developed cancer and other ranges of health problems that was at least "as likely as not" caused by the exposure. Since enactment, over 147,000 administrative claims have been submitted to the Navy, and over 1,470 lawsuits have been filed. Firms have informed CIV's Environmental Torts Litigation Section (ETL) that they each have 50,000 to 100,000 administrative claims ready for submission once the Navy's new database, which is in the testing phase, goes live in January 2024. Due to the intensive and complex nature of the cases, multiple attorneys will need to be assigned to each. To ensure timely litigation of all filed claims, support comprehensive litigation and settlement discussions with the Department of the Navy on the Elective Option, and provide due process and justice to impacted parties and increasing workloads, the ETL will require additional positions, contract support, a shared database, and office space in Raleigh, NC. Current services are \$14.0 million and 36 positions (27 attorneys).

Civil Division
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Civil Division		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2023 Appropriation^{1/}	1,304	1,144	374,560
2024 Continuing Resolution	1,304	1,239	374,560
FY 2024 Annualized Continuing Resolution	-65	0	0
2024 Continuing Resolution	1,239	1,239	374,560
2025 Request	1,281	1,271	400,410
Change 2025 from 2024 Continuing Resolution	42	32	25,850
Technical Adjustments			
Additional Amount for 2024 Pay Raise	22	22	6,352
Total Technical Adjustments	22	22	6,352
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	9,067
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	1,563
Foreign Expenses	0	0	-337
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	10,293
2025 Current Services	1,261	1,261	391,205
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Camp Lejeune PACT Act Litigation	20	10	9,205
Subtotal, Program Increases	20	10	9,205
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	20	10	9,205
2025 Request	1,281	1,271	400,410

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Comparison by activity and program	2024 Continuing Resolution			2025 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Legal Representation	1,239	1,239	374,560	1,261	1,261	391,205
Total	1,239	1,239	374,560	1,261	1,261	391,205
Reimbursable FTE		123			123	
Total Direct and Reimbursable	1,239	1,362	374,560	1,261	1,384	391,205
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>		251			251	
FTE Grand Total		1,613			1,635	

Comparison by activity and program	2025 Total Program Changes			2025 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Legal Representation	20	10	9,205	1,281	1,271	400,410
Total	20	10	9,205	1,281	1,271	400,410
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	123	0
Total Direct and Reimbursable	20	10	9,205	1,281	1,394	400,410
<i>Sub-Allotments and Direct Collections (FYI)</i>		0			251	
FTE Grand Total		10			1,645	