



## General Position Information

**Job Title:** 16870 – Attorney – GS15

**Salary Range:** \$102,663 - \$170,800 (not applicable for detailees)

**Vacancy Open Period:** 2/4/2020 – 2/4/2021

**Position Type:** Cadre, Detailee

**Who May Apply:** Internal and External Candidates, Detailees

**Division:** ODNI/OGC/ODIR

**Duty Location:** McLean, Virginia

**Security Clearance:** TS/SCI with CI Polygraph

**Travel Required:** 0-25% Travel

**Relocation Expenses:** For new ODNI employees, reimbursement for relocation is discretionary based on availability of funds.

**Job Interview Travel:** Candidates from outside the Washington, D.C., area may be selected for a telephone, teleconference, or in-person interview. If selected for an in-person interview, any travel or lodging will be at the applicant's personal expense.

## Position Information

This is an opportunity for:

- An internal or external candidate to fill a GS-15 cadre position.
- A Federal Government employee to serve on a two-year reimbursable detail assignment in the ODNI. The detail assignment may be extended an additional year if all parties agree.

## Who May Apply

Current GS employees at the same grade or up to two grades lower may apply.

Former members of the Peace Corps may be considered for ODNI employment only if five full years have elapsed since separation from the Peace Corps.

- For a cadre assignment:
  - Current ODNI permanent cadre.
  - Current Federal Government employees. (Current GS employees at the same grade or up to two grades lower than the advertised position grade may apply.)
  - Candidates outside the Federal Government.



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- For a detailee assignment:
  - Current Federal Government employees. (Current GS employees at the same grade or up to two grades lower than the advertised position grade may apply.)

## Salary Determination

- The ODNI uses a rank-in-person system in which rank is attached to the individual. A selected ODNI candidate or other Federal Government candidate will be assigned to the position at the employee's current GS grade and salary.
- For a selected non-Federal Government candidate, salary will be established within the salary range listed above, based on education and experience.
- A current Federal Government employee, selected for a detail, will be assigned to the position at his or her current grade and salary.

\*\*\*OPEN UNTIL FILLED: This announcement will be open until the position is filled. Cut-off points are scheduled in two-week intervals. After each cut-off point, all compliant applicants received during the previous two weeks will be reviewed for consideration.\*\*\*

## Component Mission

The Office of General Counsel (OGC) of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) provides legal advice and counsel to the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) and other ODNI officials on a wide range of legal issues to include intelligence and national security law; procurement and acquisition law; personnel law; government ethics, budget, and fiscal law; general administrative law; legislative support; government information practices (Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act); and intellectual property law.

## Major Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide expert legal advice and counsel to Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) senior leadership on complex areas of law affecting ODNI's duties and responsibilities under the National Security Act, Presidential Directives, Executive Orders, and other related laws and policies.
- Provide expert legal advice and counsel on matters relating to the running of a federal agency.
- Provide expert legal counsel to support the development, review, and preparation of United States (U.S.) Government-wide and IC wide policies, procedures, guidelines, rules, and standards.
- Counsel clients, including senior ODNI leaders, on complex legal issues and provide innovative and highly effective guidance on possible courses of action; expertly prepare complex, high profile, and persuasive legal documents on complex legal issues for a variety of internal and external recipients.



- Expertly conduct or direct legal research and analysis on extremely complex or sensitive legal issues as well as on laws, regulations, and policies that have a significant impact on ODNI and IC interests and brief ODNI leadership on issues and findings.
- Provide timely reviews of planned ODNI and IC activities for compliance with the Constitution and laws of the U.S., Executive Orders, and other applicable regulations and policies affecting ODNI and the IC and brief ODNI leaders on potential legal and policy issues, and develop solutions to address difficult legal problems having potential high-level or large-scale impact on the ODNI's or the IC's missions or activities.
- Expertly analyze statutes, bills, reports, and Congressional materials, as well as proposed Executive Branch orders, directives, regulations, and policies, to determine their effect on the ODNI and the IC; provide expert advice and counsel to senior management on legislative proposals, Congressional testimony, and related documents.
- Provide expert briefings for ODNI and IC views on particular matters to Executive Branch entities, Congress, and private sector entities; cogently brief senior ODNI leaders on legal issues that relate to or effect ODNI and IC activities.
- Maintain productive working relationships with ODNI elements, IC colleagues, executive agencies, congressional personnel and members, congressional committees, and use these relationships to advocate ODNI and IC positions, support a continuing dialog, and provide insight into ongoing and planned ODNI and IC activities.

## **Mandatory and Educational Requirements**

- Superior multi-disciplinary legal skills and experience dealing with complex legal issues, as well as an expert ability to interpret laws, regulations, judicial decisions, Executive Orders, and statutes involving complex concepts and issues.
- Expert-level knowledge of one or more of the general or specialized areas of OGC's law practice, such as: national security law, including legal issues relating to counterterrorism, counter proliferation, cybersecurity, and counterintelligence; intelligence oversight; privacy and civil liberties; standards of conduct & criminal conflicts of interest; Equal Employment Opportunity law; acquisition and appropriations; administrative law; and litigation.
- Superior research abilities, including the ability to quickly integrate and synthesize the facts and law to make legally sound decisions, and recommendations pertaining to the most complex situations, or in the context of ambiguous or ill-defined situations.
- Superior ability to routinely communicate, orally and in writing, the most complex concepts and issues in a manner well matched to the audience being addressed, and to consistently make sound, timely decisions in complex, ambiguous or ill-defined situations.
- Superior interpersonal, organizational, and problem solving skills, including the ability to work effectively both independently and in a collaborative environment and superior creative problem solving skills.
- Expert legal knowledge obtained through the completion of a Juris Doctorate from an American Bar Association-accredited law school, and active membership in the Bar of the highest court of a US State, Territory, Commonwealth, or the District of Columbia.

To qualify for a position at the GS-15 level: You must possess a Juris Doctorate (J.D.) from an accredited ABA law school, active bar status in good standing, and at least five years professional legal experience post bar admission. For current



federal government employees, you must have at least one year of specialized legal experience at a level of difficulty and responsibility equivalent to the GS-14 grade level in the federal service.

To qualify for a position at the GS-14 level: You must possess a Juris Doctorate (J.D.) from an accredited ABA law school, active bar status in good standing, and at least four years professional legal experience post bar admission. For current federal government employees, you must have at least one year of specialized legal experience at a level of difficulty and responsibility equivalent to the GS-13 grade level in the federal service.

To qualify for a position at the GS-13 level: You must possess a Juris Doctorate (J.D.) from an accredited ABA law school, active bar status in good standing, and at least three years professional legal experience post bar admission. For current federal government employees, you must have at least one year of specialized legal experience at a level of difficulty and responsibility equivalent to the GS-12 grade level in the federal service.

**If an individual selected for a position is a current federal government employee, the conditional offer of employment will be at the individual's current grade.**

## Key Requirements and How to Apply

### INTERNAL ODNI CANDIDATES:

A complete application package must include:

- a. **RESUME:** Applicants are encouraged to carefully review the vacancy announcement, particularly the MDRs, and construct their resume to highlight their most significant experience and qualifications relevant to this job opportunity.
- b. **PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS:** Applicants are required to provide their two most recent performance evaluations. A justification is required in the cover letter if the applicant is unable to provide the two most recent evaluations.
- c. **VACANCY NUMBER:** Reference the vacancy number in the subject line of the email and on each document submitted.
- d. **COVER LETTER:** Applicants must submit a cover letter as a supplement to the resume to elaborate on their qualifications and previous work performed.

**WHERE TO SUBMIT:** *Internal ODNI Cadre Candidates must submit an application through the classified [JobsDNI website](#).*

For current employees who do not currently have access to internal systems, applications should be sent to either DNI\_COO\_TM\_HR\_OPS\_TEAM\_A\_WMA@cia.ic.gov (classified email system) or Recruitment\_TeamA@dni.gov (unclassified email system).

Applicants experiencing technical issues may submit their application via email to either email system.



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Applicants submitting via JWICS are requested to submit their materials to both [portifa@dni.ic.gov](mailto:portifa@dni.ic.gov) (Faith P.) and [fishbk@dni.ic.gov](mailto:fishbk@dni.ic.gov) (Bella F.) in lieu of the group address above.

All attachments should be in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format.

Applications submitted through the classified email system should NOT contain classified information above the TS//SI//TK//NOFORN level.

## EXTERNAL CANDIDATES:

Key Requirements:

- U.S. Citizenship.
- Successful completion of CI polygraph and background investigation.
- Successful completion of an ODNI medical screening.
- A two-year trial period is required for all new permanent appointments to the ODNI.

A complete application must include:

- RESUME:** Applicants are encouraged to carefully review the vacancy announcement, particularly the MDRs, and construct their resume to highlight their most significant experience and qualifications relevant to this job opportunity.
- PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS:** Applicants are required to provide their two most recent performance evaluations. A justification is required in the cover letter if the applicant is unable to provide the two most recent evaluations.
- VACANCY NUMBER:** Reference the vacancy number in the subject line of the email and on each document submitted.
- COVER LETTER:** Applicants must submit a cover letter as a supplement to the resume to elaborate on their qualifications and previous work performed.
- SF-50:** Current or former Federal Government employees must provide an SF-50, "Notification of Personnel Action," to verify current federal status, position, title, grade, and organization of record.

**WHERE TO SUBMIT:** External candidates must submit an application through the [www.intelligencecareers.gov](http://www.intelligencecareers.gov). All attachments should be in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format.

## CURRENT FEDERAL EMPLOYEES APPLYING FOR A DETAIL ASSIGNMENT:

**Applicants from federal agencies within the Intelligence Community (IC)** may be considered for this position as a reimbursable detailee, if endorsed by the employing agency. Applicants must have current TS/SCI clearances with



polygraph or have the ability to obtain one. The ODNI does not conduct polygraphs or provide security clearances for detailees. **Applicants from within the IC must submit an application through the classified IC Joint Duty Program website.**

**Applicants from federal agencies OUTSIDE the IC must provide:**

- a. **WRITTEN ENDORSEMENT** from the employing agency concurring with the detail.
- b. **RESUME:** Applicants are encouraged to carefully review the vacancy announcement, particularly the MDRs, and construct their resume to highlight their most significant experience and qualifications relevant to this job opportunity.
- c. **PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS:** Applicants are required to provide their two most recent performance evaluations. A justification is required in the cover letter if the applicant is unable to provide the two most recent evaluations.
- d. **VACANCY NUMBER:** Reference the vacancy number in the subject line of the email and on each document submitted.
- e. **CURRENT SF-50:** Federal Government employees must provide an SF-50, "Notification of Personnel Action," to verify current federal status, position, title, grade, and organization of record. Please disregard if you are not a Federal Government employee.
- f. **COVER LETTER:** Applicants must submit a cover letter as a supplement to the resume to elaborate on their qualifications and previous work performed.

**WHERE TO SUBMIT:** Applications should be sent to either [DNI\\_COO\\_TM\\_HR\\_OPS\\_TEAM\\_A\\_WMA@cia.ic.gov](mailto:DNI_COO_TM_HR_OPS_TEAM_A_WMA@cia.ic.gov) (classified email system) or [Recruitment\\_TeamA@dni.gov](mailto:Recruitment_TeamA@dni.gov) (unclassified email system). Applicants submitting via JWICS are requested to submit their materials to both [portifa@dni.ic.gov](mailto:portifa@dni.ic.gov) (*Faith P.*) and [fishbk@dni.ic.gov](mailto:fishbk@dni.ic.gov) (*Bella F.*) in lieu of the group address above. All attachments should be in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format.

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**All Applicants:**

**APPLICATION PACKAGES MUST CONTAIN ALL ITEMS LISTED ABOVE. AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE WILL BE INELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.**

Your application MUST be received by midnight on the closing date of this announcement. Applications received after the closing date will NOT be eligible for consideration.

To verify receipt of your application package ONLY, you may call 703-275-3799.





## What to Expect Next

Attorneys in ODNI OGC rotate portfolios on a regular basis to provide legal support and guidance on unique and complex issues. Accordingly, attorneys are expected to provide expert legal counsel, advice and support across a wide range of legal issues as detailed in this announcement. To that end, ODNI OGC is looking for attorneys who are well-rounded, have broad legal experience, and with an interest in a wide array of practice areas relevant to the intelligence community. Resumes will be reviewed on a rolling basis and one or more candidates will be selected from this advertisement. If you apply for this position and have not heard from us within 90 days of the date of your application, then we do not currently have an available position commensurate with your skills. We regret that we cannot personally respond to and hire all the fine candidates who wish to work for the ODNI Office of General Counsel.

## Agency Contact Information

ODNI Recruitment; Phone: 703-275-3799; Email: [Recruitment\\_TeamA@dni.gov](mailto:Recruitment_TeamA@dni.gov)

## Other Information

The ODNI offers a broad array of benefits programs and family friendly flexibilities for ODNI cadre.

- Federal Employees Health Benefits Program: <http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/index.asp>
- Life Insurance: <http://www.opm.gov/insure/life/index.asp>
- Long-Term Care Insurance: <http://www.ltcfeds.com>
- Federal Employees Retirement SYSTEM (FERS) (new employees automatically covered): <http://www.opm.gov/retire/index.asp> If you are transferring from another agency and covered by the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS), you may continue in that system.
- Annual and Sick Leave: <http://www.opm.gov/oca/leave/index.asp>
- Flexible Spending Accounts for Health Care and Dependent Care: <http://www.fsafeds.com/fsafeds/index.asp>
- Paid Federal Holidays
- Alternative Work Schedules

The ODNI is an equal opportunity employer and abides by applicable employment laws and regulations.

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:** The ODNI provides reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified applicants with disabilities. IF YOU NEED A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the Intelligence Community Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Office Representative by classified email at [DNI\\_Reasonable\\_Accommodation\\_WMA@cia.ic.gov](mailto:DNI_Reasonable_Accommodation_WMA@cia.ic.gov) and [DNI\\_Diversity\\_WMA@cia.ic.gov](mailto:DNI_Diversity_WMA@cia.ic.gov), by unclassified email at [DNI\\_DRA@dni.gov](mailto:DNI_DRA@dni.gov), by telephone at 703-275-3799 or by FAX at 703-275-1217. Your request for reasonable accommodation will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. **PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TO THE EEOC EMAIL ADDRESS. THIS EMAIL IS FOR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS ONLY. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION VIA THE EMAIL ADDRESS PROVIDED IN THE 'HOW TO APPLY' SECTION ABOVE.**



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