

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY (CRIMINAL)
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
District of Wyoming
Lander, Wyoming
Vacancy Announcement Number 12-WY-002

About the Office:

The District of Wyoming encompasses a large and diverse geographical area of 97,914 square miles and a relatively small population of about 563,626. The United States Attorney's Office employs 20 Assistant U.S. Attorneys (AUSAs), 15 of whom are located in the Criminal Division. Six criminal AUSAs are located in our headquarters office in Cheyenne, four are located in our Casper branch office, four are located in our Lander branch office, and one is located in our Yellowstone National Park office. Additional information on the State of Wyoming's outdoor and cultural attractions can be found on the Internet at the following website: <http://www.wyomingtourism.org/>

Responsibilities and Opportunity Offered:

One AUSA position is available in the Criminal Division in our Lander office. AUSAs in Lander are responsible for prosecuting a variety of violent crime and other cases arising in Indian Country.

Information on the demographics and characteristics of Lander can be found at: <http://www.landerwyoming.org/>

Qualifications:

Required qualifications: Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of the bar (any jurisdiction), and have at least five years of post-J.D. attorney experience. If the successful candidate is not a member of the Wyoming State Bar and is not eligible to become a member of the Bar through reciprocity, he or she will be expected to favorably complete the Wyoming Bar Examination at the next available opportunity.

Preferred qualifications: Applicants should possess superior oral and written communication skills and should demonstrate incisive analytical ability, excellent judgment and effective trial advocacy. Applicants should exhibit the ability to work in a supportive and professional manner with other attorneys, support staff and client agencies.

Travel:

Travel within and outside of the District will be required.

Salary Information:

Assistant United States Attorneys' pay is administratively determined based, in part, on the number of years of professional attorney experience. The salary range for this position is \$53,575 to \$131,534, plus locality pay for the "Rest of United States" area (currently 14.16%).

A candidate should not expect to be appointed at the higher end of the salary range unless he or she possesses very strong qualifications and substantial experience.

Location: The duty station is Lander, Wyoming. Lander is the county seat of Fremont County and is located 272 miles northwest of Cheyenne, Wyoming and 160 miles east of Jackson, Wyoming.

Relocation Expenses: Relocation expenses are not authorized.

Application Process and Deadline Date: Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m., Mountain Time, on **Friday, February 17, 2012**. Please provide a detailed resume, list of references, writing sample and cover letter for our consideration. Your resume should clearly indicate periods of employment, with reference to the full date, e.g., June 12, 1997 to May 5, 2002. Your cover letter should: (1) indicate why you are interested in this position; (2) explain the extent to which you are familiar with Wyoming or the Rocky Mountain region and the law enforcement issues that arise here; (3) summarize your qualifications to serve as a criminal Assistant U.S. Attorney handling Indian Country violent crime cases; (4) indicate the vacancy announcement number under which you are applying; and, (5) address how you plan to become a member of the Wyoming State Bar if you are not already a member. Please send your application to:

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Questions may be directed to Chris Bernschein at (307) 772-2124.

Internet Sites: This and other attorney vacancy announcements in the Department can be found at: <http://www.justice.gov/careers/legal/lateral-hiring.html>

The website for the U.S. Attorney's Office can be located at the following link: <http://www.justice.gov/usao/wy/>

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 to provide sufficient time for the background investigation to be completed and adjudicated and for any negative issues to be addressed. Temporary appointments may, or may not, be extended or made permanent without further competition. Candidates should be aware that a probationary period will likely be required.

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 other 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, 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 documents). Applicants should note that the 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).

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