About the Office:

The United States Attorneys’ Offices prosecute federal criminal offenses and represent the interests of the United States in civil and criminal cases. The United States Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Tennessee serves 22 counties in West Tennessee spanning 11,331 square miles. The office employs over 70 individuals with 34 attorneys assigned to the Memphis office, five attorneys assigned to the Jackson Branch office, and 37 support staff. Our office is large enough to enjoy a wide variety of case assignments and small enough to be collegial and collaborative. We place a high value on diversity of experience and cultural perspective. We encourage applications from trial attorneys from all ethnic groups, all genders, veterans, and individuals with disabilities. Our headquarters office is located in Memphis, with a staffed branch office in Jackson, TN. This vacancy is located in Memphis.

Our Criminal Division investigates and prosecutes federal cases arising from a wide array of criminal activity.

Responsibilities and Opportunity Offered:

The Office has an opening for an experienced attorney to enter as an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) in the Criminal Division. This attorney will prosecute offenses related to the sexual exploitation of children, including child pornography, online enticement, and child sexual abuse offenses. Cases may also include a wide variety of federal criminal cases, including fraud, immigration, public corruption, money laundering, violent crimes, white collar, firearms, gang prosecutions and environmental crimes. Specific case assignments vary depending on the particular needs of the office. The position may also involve some administrative responsibilities.

Qualifications:

Required Qualifications: Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of the bar (any U.S. jurisdiction), and have at least three years post-J.D. legal or other relevant experience.

United States citizenship is required.

Preferred Qualifications: Ideal qualifications include at least 5 years of post-J.D. litigation experience. Outstanding academic record, litigation experience, including experience in preparation and trial of cases involving child pornography, online enticement, and child sexual abuse offenses; strong legal research and writing ability; strong courtroom skills; superior organizational skills; and computer literacy skills.
Travel:
Occasional travel may be required.

Type of Position:
This is a permanent position. However, all initial attorney appointments to the Department of Justice are made on a 14 month (temporary) basis pending favorable adjudication of a background investigation.

Salary Information:
Assistant United States Attorneys’ pay is administratively determined based, in part, on the number of years of professional attorney experience. The range of basic pay for this position is $44,581 to $131,534 plus 14.16% locality pay.

Location:
This position is located in Memphis, Tennessee. Memphis is the largest city in all of Tennessee, with a population of 646,889, making it the third largest city in the southeastern United States. Memphis serves as a hub for FedEx and Delta Airlines. It is also home to three Fortune 500 companies: FedEx, AutoZone, and International Paper. Memphis has much to offer culturally, with annual events like Memphis in May, the Beale Street Music Festival, the World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest and festivals celebrating Greek, African, Hispanic and Italian heritage. Much of American music has its roots in Memphis, from blues and rock ‘n’ roll to gospel and country. Whether you’re visiting the historic National Civil Rights Museum, the Peabody Hotel and its famous ducks, gliding down the Mississippi River, strolling along Beale Street or touring Elvis’ beloved Graceland, Memphis has much to offer.

Relocation Expenses:
Relocation expenses will not be authorized.

Application Process and Deadline Date:
Applicants should send a resume and writing sample to:
Edward L. Stanton III, United States Attorney
United States Attorney’s Office
167 North Main Street, Suite 800
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

No telephone calls please. To receive consideration for this vacancy, applications/resumes must be postmarked by 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on January 25, 2013.

You must include the vacancy announcement number (13-WDTN-02-AUSA) on your resume and all correspondence.

Security Requirements:
Initial appointment is conditioned upon a satisfactory pre-employment adjudication. This includes fingerprint and credit and tax checks, and drug testing. In addition, continued employment is subject to a favorable adjudication of a background investigation.
Information about the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Tennessee can be found at: http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/tnw. This and other attorney vacancy announcements with the Department of Justice can be found at: http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvacancies.html.

**Department Policies:**

Assistant United States Attorneys generally must reside in the district to which he or she is appointed or within 25 miles thereof. See 28 U.S.C. § 545 for district-specific information.

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 favouritism, 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 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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