OVERVIEW

This PowerPoint accompanies the audio programs by the same name. Our program is divided into four 20-minute segments:

- Getting Hired – Segment 1
- Job Performance – Segment 2
- Career Advancement – Segment 3
- Work-Life Balance – Segment 4

Each segment can be heard separately.
OVERVIEW

- Developing a successful legal career requires thoughtful decisions about our job choices.
- Public sector lawyers confront workplace issues that differ from private practice.
- The PowerPoint slides contain controversial statements which are addressed by our panelists – *Are they Fact or Fiction??*
- Information about the panelists is included in the first segment of our program.
PANELISTS AND MODERATOR

- Hon. Susan Burke, Hennepin County District Court, MN
- Jenae Naumann, Assistant City Attorney, Tempe, AZ
- Steve Vieux, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC
- Anne Dewey-Balzhiser (moderator), former General Counsel of two federal agencies
SEGMENT 1: GETTING HIRED

You can’t afford to take an exciting government job and still pay off your law school loans.
You should use the same resume each time you apply for a government position, because employers don’t really spend much time reviewing credentials or references.
Since there is not as much competition for government jobs, there is no need to spend a lot of time preparing for interviews.
Public sector jobs are attractive because even junior attorneys are given major responsibility and visibility.
PARTING THOUGHTS

- Invest in your own career development
- Seek out legal positions that provide “loan forgiveness”
- Tailor your resume to each job announcement
- Interview preparation is key
- Public sector jobs foster development of legal skills early in your career