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Attorneys in the Office of Intelligence play a critical role in the nation's effort to prevent acts of international terrorism and to thwart the intelligence activities of hostile foreign powers. We handle a wide range of complex and highly sensitive legal matters involving terrorism and counterintelligence, primarily arising under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). In particular, attorneys represent the United States before the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and obtain authorization to conduct sensitive intelligence operations, including electronic surveillance and searches. Attorneys work closely with other components of the Department of Justice and with agencies in the Intelligence Community, providing advice on legal and policy matters relating to intelligence operations and applicable laws, regulations, and policies. We also are responsible for conducting oversight of the national security activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other agencies to ensure that these activities uphold civil liberties and comply with the Constitution, laws, and other legal standards. In addition, attorneys in the Office of Intelligence advise and work with federal and state prosecutors on criminal cases involving intelligence matters and the use of information collected under FISA.

Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of a bar (any jurisdiction), and have at least three years of post J.D. legal experience. Applicants must have superior academic credentials, possess excellent analytical and writing skills, and have the dedication and capacity to work independently in a very demanding environment. Past experience in the national security or intelligence field is not required.

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