Employee Experience: Sarah Lake

I’ve been working at the DOJ OIG since 2009, and I’ve been an Assistant Special Agent in Charge since 2015. I was a Special Agent at another OIG before coming to this office. I love the DOJ OIG because there is a lot of flexibility and upward mobility.

My role as an Assistant Special Agent in Charge lets me contribute to both the mission of the whole OIG and the mission of the Investigations Division. I think the most rewarding parts of my job are facilitating what our Agents need to get the job done and helping the cases come to a good resolution. At the OIG, we’re stewards of the public and we get to contribute to making sure things at the Department are being run correctly, which I find very fulfilling.

OIG Special Agents promote integrity within the Department, help detect and deter waste, fraud, or abuse, and investigate allegations of criminal and serious administrative misconduct against employees, contractors, and grantees of the FBI, DEA, BOP, ATF, USMS, USAO, and other Department of Justice components that play a central role in protecting the safety and liberty of all Americans.

Our Special Agents have statutory law enforcement authority to seek and execute arrest and search warrants, serve subpoenas, perform undercover operations, and carry firearms. They also investigate allegations of serious administrative misconduct. They are responsible for handling cases from start to finish, whether criminal charges, administrative sanctions, or exoneration is appropriate. Throughout their career at the OIG, our Agents are provided with expert training to keep their investigative skills sharp.

SPECIAL AGENT QUALIFICATIONS

One year of specialized experience or equivalent to one GS grade level below position of interest, performing duties including: conducting investigations relating to bribery, fraud, theft, abuse, violations of civil rights, conflicts of interest, and misconduct. Experience should include undercover operations and surveillance assignments. Fraud experience is desired, but not required.

The OIG is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Minorities, women, veterans, and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply.