

JD-preferred federal job titles (a non-comprehensive list)

The US Federal government employs over 30,000 attorneys as attorneys, but many thousands (tens of thousands) more who hold JDs but are not in practicing legal roles. It can be challenging to determine the full scope of work held by this JD-trained cohort of the federal workforce, but here we attempt to bring together some of the most common Occupational Series (OS) codes and job titles for JD-Advantage federal jobs.

Management and Program Analysis/Miscellaneous Administration and Program (0343/0301)

The 0301/0343 OS codes are the broadest category for JD-advantage roles, though job titles can vary widely. These include:

- Program Analyst
- Management and Program Analyst
- Regulatory Counsel
- Health Insurance Specialist
- Health Information Privacy Specialist
- Legislative Analyst
- Congressional Liaison
- Attorney Analyst

Contracting and Grants Management (1102/1109)

Another frequent category for JD holders is contracting and grant management, with common titles of:

- Contract Specialist
- Contract Administrator
- Procurement Analyst
- Grants Management Specialist

Varied Labor and Employment Roles

Many roles concerning labor and employment laws and regulations are held by JD holders, though across a wide variety of titles and OS codes. Here are a few common ones, with codes where known:

- Labor and Employment Equal Employment Opportunity Officer/Manager (0260, 0360)
- Hearings and Appeals Specialist
- Labor Relations Specialist
- Workforce Analyst (0140)
- Civil Rights Analyst (0160)

Investigation and Compliance (1800 series)

The “Inspection, Investigation, Enforcement, and Compliance Group” falls under the 1800 series, and spans the work of inspector general offices, criminal investigation (including financial, environmental, agricultural, and more), wage and hour investigation, and equal opportunity investigation. While job titles can vary in this group, they generally fall in the model of “Wage and Hour Investigator,” or “Equal Opportunity Investigator” on the investigation side, and “Compliance Officer” on the compliance side.

Copyright, Patent, and Trademark (1200 series)

While patent roles often require a scientific or engineering background as well, a JD is frequently strongly preferred or even required, depending on the role. Two of the most common for JDs are:

- Patent Attorney (1222)
- Patent Examiner (1224)

Miscellaneous

Finally, there are a number of other roles that may be well-suited for a law school graduate or lawyer, but do not fall neatly into these other categories. This is why it is important to run overly broad USAJobs searches, to cast as wide a net as possible for these disparate positions. A small sampling includes:

- Tax Examiner
- Environmental Protection Specialist (0028)
- Public Health Analyst (0685)
- Asylum and Refugee Officer
- Adjudications Officer