Civil Litigation – If you know you want to litigate, consider the US Attorney's Office within the Department of Justice (DOJ). The U.S. Attorney's Office is the main litigating branch of the U.S. government with 93 offices throughout the country and headquarters in D.C.

This chart shows the organization of the DOJ – many of these divisions have civil litigation work.

Some offices advise and counsel instead of litigate, like the Office of Legal Counsel and the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Offices with independent litigating authority include the Department of Labor, Office of the Solicitor and the Securities Exchange Commission, Division of Enforcement.

This chart shows various divisions of the DOJ by substantive legal area of interest. It is helpful for focusing or expanding a search for work in the DOJ that may interest a lawyer or law student.

Finally, the majority of agencies have “coordinate jurisdiction” with the DOJ, meaning that DOJ attorneys initiate all lawsuits and handle any depositions and oral arguments, while the agency attorneys draft the legal papers and provide subject-matter expertise.

This US Government Organization Chart lists (with links to) executive branch agencies.