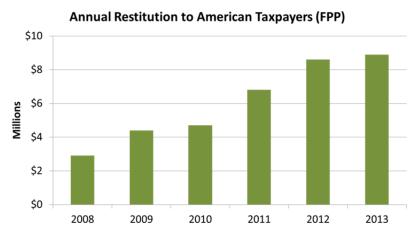
## Fraud Prosecution Project (FPP)

Social Security employees detect and investigate fraud, but like all federal agencies, SSA must rely on U.S. Attorneys with the Department of Justice (DOJ) to prosecute Social Security fraud, which is a federal crime. Due to resource limitations and competing priorities, U.S. Attorneys are not always able to

prosecute cases of Social
Security fraud. As part of
working with the Office of
the Inspector General to
increase Social Security
fraud prosecutions, SSA's
Office of the General
Counsel has provided
twelve attorneys who serve



as Special Assistant United States Attorneys and focus solely on prosecuting Social Security fraud.

Judicial districts where Social Security can afford to place a fraud prosecutor have seen an increase in fraud prosecutions and in restitution orders for Social Security. Since 2003, Social Security's dedicated fraud prosecutors have secured 921 fraud convictions, while stopping ongoing fraudulent schemes, and deterring would-be fraudsters from attempting to steal from Social Security.

## **Fraud Prosecution Project Facts (2013)**

Number of Social Security-funded fraud prosecutors: 12

Convictions or guilty pleas: 139

Restitution secured for Social Security and taxpayers: \$8.9 billion

Return on investment: \$8 for every dollar spent