



GOVERNMENT  
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## GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT STAFF ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT

### BACKGROUND

The Government Accountability Project is the world's leading international whistleblower protection and advocacy organization. The organization was created in 1977 at the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) in response to several whistleblowers, such as Daniel Ellsberg, who came to IPS about White House, FBI and Pentagon scandals. Since that time, Government Accountability Project, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, has served as a lifeline to employees of conscience and has helped them release critical information that serves the public interest and the common good. A non-partisan public-interest organization, we litigate whistleblower cases, help expose wrongdoing to the public, and actively promote government and corporate accountability. Since its founding, Government Accountability Project has helped over 8,000 whistleblowers, defending them in the court of law and the court of public opinion, while crafting and refining whistleblower protection laws through legislative channels at home and abroad.

Since its inception, Government Accountability Project's advocacy efforts have shaped both public interest and legislative agendas, and created opportunities for lawmakers to strengthen and clarify the free-speech rights of courageous employees across a broad spectrum of industries.

### STAFF ATTORNEY DESCRIPTION OVERVIEW

The Staff Attorney will report to the General Counsel, Legal Director or the Litigation Director (to be determined). Their duties will include but not be limited to: serving as a client liaison; developing the record for whistleblower retaliation complaints; conducting legal research; developing legal briefs for legislative advocacy, media queries, and other Government Accountability Project work product; facilitating advocacy campaigns and coalition work; contributing to Government Accountability Project's public presence; and diplomatically working with staff across the organization to achieve these and other related staff attorney job duties.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Report to the General Counsel, Legal Director or the Litigation Director (to be determined).
- Work with and advise whistleblowers regarding their disclosures and job retention strategies.
- Serve as client liaison and meet with potential clients.
- Work with coalitions and conduct Congressional outreach for client relief and policy advocacy.
- Conduct legal research and investigations, draft and organize discovery documents, and draft affidavits.
- Prepare for and take witness depositions under the supervision of the General Counsel, Legal Director or Litigation Director (to be determined).
- Assist other program directors with legal and investigative support as approved by the Executive Director & CEO.
- Contribute to Government Accountability Project's public presence with blog posts, newsletter pieces, social media, networking, and approved media appearances.
- Other related staff attorney job duties as needed.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Juris Doctor degree with at least two years of relevant experience.

- Active member in good standing of the bar of a state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia.
- Eligible to obtain a license to practice law in the District of Columbia within 360 days of accepting employment.
- Experience generating quality work product and assignments in accordance with administrative procedural rules, federal and state court rules of procedure, and accepted legal practices.
- Experience working with coalitions and conducting Congressional outreach highly preferable but not required; training will be provided.
- Experience working with the media highly preferable but not required; training will be provided.
- The successful applicant will possess the experience necessary to work with substantial independent judgment and discretion in furtherance of the program objectives defined by the General Counsel, Legal Director or Litigation Director.
- Exceptional writing and communications skills.
- Ability to synthesize complex legal information, and experience overseeing and successfully coordinating projects to meet tight deadlines.
- A team player and excellent interpersonal skills.
- A passion for the mission of Government Accountability Project.

#### **SALARY**

Commensurate with experience and comparable to similarly sized public interest organizations. Government Accountability Project also offers a generous benefits package.

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Government Accountability Project is an equal opportunity employer. We value a diverse workforce and an inclusive culture. Government Accountability Project encourages applications from all qualified individuals without regard to race, ethnicity, color, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national origin, or marital, citizenship, disability, or veteran status. Please submit a cover letter and resume **by October 12, 2020** (include in the subject line “**Staff Attorney Position**”) to: Michael Termini at [michaelt@whistleblower.org](mailto:michaelt@whistleblower.org).