



GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT FOOD INTEGRITY CAMPAIGN DEPUTY DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

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.

The Food Integrity Campaign (FIC) is a central component of Government Accountability Project's *Public Health & Safety* program.

FIC's mission and long-term objective is to enhance overall food integrity by facilitating truth telling. For over a decade, this unique program has been strategically working to alter the relationship of power between the food industry and consumers, protect the rights of those who speak out against the practices that compromise food integrity, and empower food integrity whistleblowers and citizen activists.

Food Integrity Campaign Deputy Director Job Description Overview

The Food Integrity Campaign Deputy Director position will directly assist the Public Health Director/Food Integrity Campaign Director in executing the missions of the Food Integrity Campaign and other Public Health & Safety initiatives as assigned. They will report directly to the Public Health Director. While this role requires cross-organizational coordination on behalf of the Public Health Director and the Food Integrity Campaign, the FIC Deputy Director will serve as the primary FIC liaison with the Litigation Director and Communications Director to advance those respective FIC initiatives.

Job Duties

- Supervise FIC personnel under the direction of the Public Health Director.
- Ability to serve as acting FIC Director, as needed.
- Under the direction of the Public Health Director, serve as the primary FIC liaison with the Litigation Director to support Food Integrity Campaign clients, as assigned, through vetting clients, drafting agreements, drafting and submitting complaints and other legal materials, and supporting FIC FOIAs, mediations and other relevant processes.
- Work with and advise whistleblowers regarding their disclosures and job retention strategies.
- Serve as client liaison and meet with potential clients.
- Conduct legal research and investigations, draft and organize discovery documents, and draft affidavits.
- Prepare for and take witness depositions under the supervision of the Public Health Director or Litigation Director (to be determined on a case-by-case basis).

- Serve as the primary FIC liaison with the Communications Director and personnel on FIC Communications initiatives, including but not limited to the development of original, daily content promoting the FIC mission through the tracking of emerging trends and breaking news in all FIC social media accounts.
- Draft Op-Eds, Internet blogs, articles and educational materials.
- Represent the FIC program agenda to stakeholders including but not limited to Congress, federal agencies, media, and civil society.
- Assist in FIC investigations of violations of criminal and civil law, regulatory regimes and corporate policies related to whistleblower disclosures.
- Collaborate on legislative initiatives concerning protection of FIC whistleblowers.
- Research and track federal and state legislation.
- Participate in coalitions of public advocacy groups and good-government organizations.
- Develop and maintain contacts with food integrity experts and partners.
- Keep current with developments in the fields of whistleblowing and food systems.
- Work collaboratively with all staff across the organization to serve the reinforcing missions of the Food Integrity Campaign in particular and Government Accountability Project in general.

Qualifications

- Passion for the mission of the Food Integrity Campaign, and subject matter expertise in public health, food systems, animal testing/humane handling, and/or worker rights.
- Juris Doctor Degree and a minimum of 7 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, or an application for admission is currently pending.
- Eligible to obtain a license to practice law in the District of Columbia within 360 days of accepting employment with Government Accountability Project.
- Working familiarity with whistleblower protection law specifically and employment law generally preferred.
- Experience supervising the performance and work product of full-time employees or contract personnel is required.
- Demonstrated success in helping to lead effective advocacy campaigns.
- Ability to synthesize complex information, coordinate multiple projects simultaneously, work both autonomously and in teams, and hit tight deadlines.
- Superb writing and communications skills.
- Team player. Excellent interpersonal skills.

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 January 21, 2022** (include in the subject line "Food Integrity Campaign Deputy Director") to: Michael Termini at michaelt@whistleblower.org.