



GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT SENIOR LITIGATION 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.

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.

SENIOR LITIGATION ATTORNEY DESCRIPTION OVERVIEW

The Senior Litigation Attorney will directly assist the Litigation Director and the Public Health Director/Food Integrity Campaign Director in litigating FIC and other Public Health & Safety cases and legal matters. They will report directly to the Litigation Director, General Counsel, and Public Health Director. Their duties will include but not be limited to: serving as a client liaison; developing the record for whistleblower retaliation complaints in this docket; conducting legal research; developing legal briefs for legislative advocacy, media queries, and other Public Health & Safety /Food Integrity Campaign work product; facilitating relevant advocacy campaigns and coalition work; contributing to both the Food Integrity Campaign and the organization'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 Litigation Director, General Counsel, and Public Health Director.
- Work with and advise Public Health Director/Food Integrity Campaign whistleblowers regarding their disclosures and job retention strategies.
- Serve as client liaison and meet with potential clients.
- Serve as ambassador to other organizations with litigation departments and law firms that litigate in the area of public health and food integrity.
- Conduct docket-related legal research and investigations, draft and organize discovery documents, and draft affidavits.

- Prepare for and take witness depositions under the supervision of the Litigation Director and the Public Health Director.
- Other related staff attorney job duties as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Juris Doctor degree with a minimum of five years of trial experience. Experience on issues related to the Food Integrity Campaign preferred but not required.
- 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.
- The successful applicant will possess the experience necessary to work with substantial independent judgment and discretion in furtherance of the objectives defined by the Litigation Director, General Counsel, and Public Health Director.
- Oversee contractors as assigned by the Litigation Director or General Counsel.
- Exceptional writing and communications skills.
- Ability to synthesize complex information, coordinate multiple projects simultaneously, work both autonomously and in teams, and hit tight deadlines.
- A team player and excellent interpersonal skills.
- A passion for the missions of the Food Integrity Campaign and Government Accountability Project.

COMPENSATION

\$80,000 - \$90,000 annual salary. 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 equitable, 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 to Michael Termini with the subject line "Senior Litigation Attorney" to michaelt@whistleblower.org.

Please Note: *Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. Qualified applicants will be promptly contacted and interviewed. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.*