



GOVERNMENT  
**ACCOUNTABILITY**  
PROJECT

## GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT DEPUTY LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR / LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL 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.

Government Accountability Project has drafted, spearheaded the campaigns to pass, or helped defend all the federal whistleblower protection laws that exist today. We have unique expertise, earned over almost 45 years, in minimizing the risk and maximizing the effectiveness of whistleblowing.

### DEPUTY LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR / LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL DESCRIPTION OVERVIEW

The Deputy Legislative Director / Legislative Counsel position will share responsibility for Government Accountability Project's Legislative program under the direct supervision of the Legal Director. They will work closely with the Legal Director and other program staff as needed across the organization to advance Government Accountability Project's legislative priorities. Challenges include efforts to modernize protection for federal employees, government contractors, law enforcement officers, intelligence employees, private sector employees, and those challenging social media or other consumer abuses. Duties will include but are not limited to the following:

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Ability to serve as acting Legislative Director, as needed. This position has the opportunity for upward mobility into the Legislative Director role after a probation period.
- Supervise Legislation Interns, and other team members as assigned.
- Identify, monitor, schedule, and conduct advocacy for and liaise with relevant Congressional offices for all legislation relevant to whistleblowers.
- Develop and maintain key relationships with Congress, government agencies, unions, coalition members, the media, and other stakeholders relevant to the priority policy issues.
- Develop and implement advocacy strategies in collaboration with the Make It Safe Coalition and other coalitions, as well as lead the Make It Safe Coalition and participate in/attend meetings of other coalitions.
- Work collaboratively with staff across the organization to serve the reinforcing missions of the Legislative program, and the legislative efforts of other Government Accountability Project programs.

- Represent Government Accountability Project's Legislative program with coalition partners and stakeholders, including but not limited to Congress, federal agencies, media, and civil society on legislation before Congress and with the media.
- Draft policy papers, funding proposals, advocacy issue briefs, fact sheets, and briefing packets for outreach to the audiences above, as well as lead the policy research, analysis and tracking of federal and state legislation related to whistleblowers.
- Under the direction of the Legal Director and in coordination with the Communications Director, serve as the primary liaison on emerging developments with media for news and editorial support, as well as for Government Accountability Project Communications initiatives, including but not limited to the drafting of press releases, Op-Eds, Internet blogs, legislation content for the newsletter and website, articles, and educational materials.
- Regularly monitor/track legislative, political, and case law developments, and maintain project management systems for tracking legislative advocacy work.
- Identify Congressional contacts, schedule meetings with Congressional offices and maintain Congressional and other important contacts in Government Accountability Project's CRM system.
- Organize and/or participate in events/panels as needed.
- Occasional travel to Capitol Hill for meetings and hearings may be required.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Minimum of 5 years of relevant lobbying experience and/or experience on Capitol Hill. Experience with federal legislation preferred.
- Candidates with non-profit and public interest work experience preferred; passion for the mission of Government Accountability Project required.
- Juris Doctor Degree preferred, but not necessary.
- Experience supervising the performance and work product of full-time employees or contract personnel.
- Team player. Excellent interpersonal skills, and the ability to proactively seek out continuing knowledge, expertise, and mentorship from various subject matter experts, especially Government Accountability Project's Legal Director.
- Flexibility, creativity, and ability to work effectively in a fast-paced and collaborative work environment.
- Demonstrated success in helping to lead effective advocacy campaigns. Ideal candidates will have professional network-building skills, experience leading national advocacy campaigns involving outreach to Congress, executive branch agencies, the media, and civil society groups.
- Knowledge of and experience working with the U.S. government, U.S. Congress, and/or international financial institutions.
- Experience leading coalitions or other networks preferred but not required.
- Strong public speaking skills and ability to diplomatically represent the Legislative program internally and externally.
- Diplomatic and tactful demeanor when liaising with a variety of audiences.
- High-level policy analysis and research skills, with the ability to learn and absorb new information.
- Superb writing, analytical, research, and communications skills. Ability to synthesize complex and technical information, coordinate multiple projects simultaneously, work both autonomously and in teams, and hit tight deadlines.
- Experience working with Microsoft Office suite and strong spreadsheet skills. Experience working with a CRM preferred but not required.

#### **COMPENSATION**

\$88,000 - \$92,000 annual salary, depending on experience and qualifications. 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 "Deputy Legislative Director / Legislative Counsel" to [michaelt@whistleblower.org](mailto: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.*