

Immigration Whistleblower Intern

The Government Accountability Project is the nation's leading whistleblower protection and advocacy organization. The Government Accountability Project's mission is to promote corporate and government accountability by protecting whistleblowers, advancing occupational free speech, and empowering citizen activists. Located in Washington, D.C., the Government Accountability Project is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization and public interest law firm.

The Government Accountability Project is a consistent high-profile newsmaker, with its recent and former clients including:

- Robert MacLean, a former DHS Air Marshal who was fired for revealing a plan to remove Marshals from international flights during a time of heightened security concerns.
- NSA contractor Edward Snowden, who disclosed illegal domestic surveillance programs that were implemented under the guise of national security.
- Dr. Dean Wyatt, a USDA veterinarian who exposed the horrific mistreatment of animals in two slaughterhouses, indicating a systemic problem in the national food safety system.
- Several anonymous World Bank whistleblowers, whose disclosures (among others) GAP released, eventually leading to the resignation of Bank President Paul Wolfowitz.

The ideal applicant will work alongside the Immigration Counsel on a portfolio of approximately 25 cases of whistleblowers who are/were employees of the federal government or its contractors in the immigration system and who have witnessed abuse and mismanagement in their roles. This includes working directly with clients to prepare their accounts of their disclosures along with related legal and public advocacy to seek accountability for the harm whistleblowers disclosed.

The ideal applicant should be a law student; experience working in immigration advocacy around issues of immigration detention and medical care is preferred but not required.

Duties And Responsibilities Include:

- Working on a research project
- Authoring and/or contributing to written publications
- Participating and/or leading client intake interviews
- Drafting client intake memos
- Conducting legal research and analysis
- Working on legal briefs
- Preparing Congressional briefing packets
- Attending Congressional hearings or other events on topics that are relevant and interesting to the intern

Applicants should have strong legal research and analysis skills, experience with stakeholders, and strong written communication skills. Applicants should also be able to prosper in an independent work environment and require minimal supervision.

A cover letter and resume should be sent to internships@whistleblower.org to apply. Our priority deadline is February 2nd, 2024. Materials may be submitted after this date, until June 14th, 2024. Please focus on expressing your interest and knowledge of immigration issues and related legal knowledge in your letter.