GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT 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.

LITIGATION ATTORNEY DESCRIPTION OVERVIEW

The Litigation Attorney will report to the Litigation Director and General Counsel. Their duties will include but not be limited to: serving as a client liaison; developing the record for whistleblower retaliation complaints; conducting legal research; and diplomatically working with staff across the organization to achieve these and other related staff attorney job duties.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- 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 Litigation director and other senior litigators.
- Draft motions, briefs, and other pleadings.
- Other related 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.
- The successful applicant will possess the experience necessary to work with substantial independent judgment and discretion in furtherance of the program objectives.
- 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.

DURATION

This is a six month contract position with eligibility for renewal at the end of the initial contract period.

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 May 24, 2024 (include in the subject line “Contract Litigation Attorney”) to: Katie Goff-Eldredge at KatherineG@Whistleblower.org.