

GAP FOOD INTEGRITY CAMPAIGN COUNSEL POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Government Accountability Project (GAP), founded in 1977, is the nation's oldest and leading whistleblower protection and advocacy group. GAP is a not-for-profit, human and civil rights organization dedicated to promoting accountability and transparency within government agencies, corporations, and international organizations, by advancing protections for employees who "blow the whistle" on unsafe, corrupt, wasteful, abusive or unlawful conduct. GAP's activities include policy advocacy, litigation, legislative outreach, education, media campaigns and coalition building. Current areas of emphasis include corporate and financial accountability, food safety and integrity, national security, public health, climate science integrity, environmental enforcement, and reform of international NGOs (the United Nations and multilateral development banks).

Since its inception, GAP's litigation 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.

Food Integrity Campaign Counsel

The mission and long-term objective of the GAP Food Integrity Campaign (FIC) is to enhance overall food integrity by facilitating transparency initiatives and free speech protections. The FIC accomplishes this mission by strategically working to alter the relationship of power between the food industry and consumers; protecting the rights of those who speak out against the practices that compromise food integrity; and empowering industry whistleblowers and citizen activists.

The FIC Counsel position will have very heavy emphasis on litigation and trial advocacy work. Working under the direction of the GAP Chief Trial Counsel, this individual's responsibilities will be devoted primarily to litigation for the FIC, but will assist in litigation efforts for other programs when available and as needed.

The ideal candidate must possess these qualifications:

- A minimum five years of experience as a trial attorney.
- Litigation experience that clearly demonstrates the ability to independently handle complex or novel factual and legal questions.
- Exceptional investigative and interpersonal skills.
- Significant motions practice experience. Ability to fully brief memoranda of law in support of dispositive motions or oppositions.
- Appearances before administrative, state and federal courts.
- Ability to work and communicate effectively with a team.
- Comfortable working with diverse groups of individuals from a variety of different backgrounds.
- Proficient user of LexisNexis®.
- Familiarity with and understanding of employment law.
- Must be a graduate of a U.S. law school, accredited by the American Bar Association, and have a Juris Doctor degree, or provide proof of an equivalent degree from an international institution.
- Must be an 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.

- Excellent legal research, writing, advocacy and communication skills.
- Demonstrated commitment to public interest law or pro bono service.
- Able to travel within the US and its territories. Some international travel may be required.

Desired or Preferred Qualifications:

- Knowledge of whistleblower law.
- Experience with tort litigation related to food or environmental safety issues.
- Fluency in Spanish.

Salary:

Commensurate with experience and comparable to similarly sized public interest organizations. GAP also offers a generous benefits package.

How to apply:

The Government Accountability Project is an equal opportunity employer, and strongly encourages minorities and women to apply. Please submit a cover letter and resume by July 31, 2017 (include in the subject line "FIC Counsel Position") to: careers@whistleblower.org, or mail to:

Government Accountability Project
Attention: Hiring Committee/FIC Counsel
1612 K Street, NW, Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20006

Application information and materials should sufficiently highlight the skills, experiences and educational credentials that satisfy the position duties, requirements and responsibilities.