



Associate Counsel

The Campaign Legal Center (CLC) seeks an **Associate Counsel** to work in the areas of litigation, administrative advocacy, legislative drafting and public education. This attorney will be supervised by the senior legal team.

Founded in 2002, the CLC is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that defends and protects our democracy in the areas of campaign finance, voting rights, political communication and government ethics. CLC works to attack laws and regulations that undermine the fundamental rights of all Americans to participate in the political process and to defend laws that protect these interests. Working in administrative, legislative and legal proceedings, CLC shapes our nation's laws and policies so that the right to have a voice in our free and democratic society remains the foundation of our political system. Additional information about CLC and its work may be found at: www.campaignlegalcenter.org.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

CLC staff consists of a vibrant and innovative team of committed professionals who work to represent the public interest in protecting and strengthening democracy. CLC attorneys advance these goals through a combination of litigation in the courts, as both as an *amicus curiae* and counsel to parties; advocacy before administrative agencies, including filing complaints and participating in the rulemaking process; legislative drafting and advice; and public education and media outreach. The associate counsel will be a central member of this team.

ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Litigating in trial and appellate courts and filing *amicus* briefs in cases concerning campaign finance, political disclosure and ethics, including work on case development, discovery, motions and briefs.
- Representing the public interest in proceedings before federal and state agencies, particularly the Federal Election Commission (FEC) and its state counterparts. Work may include filing complaints alleging violations of campaign finance or ethics law; participating in agency advisory opinion proceedings and rulemakings; and providing testimony on proposed laws, rules or other policies of concern.
- Counseling federal and state policy makers and advocates, drafting and reviewing legislation, and providing legal and legislative advice.
- Initiating and/or contributing to CLC legal research projects, including, for example, the in-depth review of state laws and the development of new jurisprudential theories.
- Developing white papers and related policy materials. Writing memoranda, speeches, and articles, including for publication. Delivering oral presentations to a variety of audiences.
- Working with CLC leadership to develop legal strategies and set criteria for deciding which cases and other legal efforts CLC should prioritize.
- Supervising and providing feedback to student interns, legal fellows and research associates.

QUALIFICATIONS:

A law degree is required along with 3+ years of work in litigation and/or administrative practice. The candidate must have experience and/or a demonstrated interest in the fields of campaign finance, political ethics and/or election law. Experience in public interest advocacy or legislative drafting is also desirable.

The candidate must have exceptional writing skills—and the ability to write for a variety of audiences including a legal audience, policymakers, journalists and the general public. Candidates must be excellent researchers, detailed-oriented and capable of analyzing and interpreting highly-technical laws and regulations.

The candidate should also be able to work collaboratively with staff and leadership. Knowledge of/interest in the Campaign Legal Center's issues and mission a plus. Office located in downtown DC. Competitive salary and generous benefits package are offered.

The Campaign Legal Center is looking for the candidate to begin work as soon as possible. Applicants should send a resume, cover letter and three (3) writing samples to: careers@campaignlegalcenter.org

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