LITIGATOR

Washington, DC

INSTITUTE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL ADVOCACY AND PROTECTION AT GEORGETOWN LAW

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Job Type: Attorney Position
Schedule: Long-term & full-time
Experience: Lateral 3+ years
Bar membership required: At time of application

Practice Areas: Administrative Law, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Clinical Education, First Amendment, Litigation, National Security

Job Description

The mission of the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection (ICAP) is to use the power of the courts to defend American constitutional rights and values. Based at Georgetown University Law Center, ICAP draws on expert litigators, savvy litigation strategy, and the constitutional scholarship of Georgetown to vindicate individuals’ rights and protect America’s constitutional way of life.

At the heart of the Institute is its litigation work. The courts remain a critical venue in which constitutional claims can be vindicated, and the Institute uses that venue by bringing its own litigation, working with partners to do so, filing amicus briefs, and supporting others’ efforts to litigate in furtherance of constitutional rights and values. In an era when constitutional discourse, including in the context of litigation, tends to be politically polarized, the Institute offers vital understandings of the Constitution and its protections that draw on scholarship and a wide range of practical experience, including extensive service in the Federal Government.

ICAP currently serves as counsel or co-counsel in a wide range of lawsuits fighting to defend key constitutional rights and values, such as:

- **Challenging** the city of St. Louis, Missouri’s use of money bail to detain people before trial without any inquiry into their ability to pay and whether detention is necessary to serve a compelling governmental interest.
- **Defending** two cities in Indiana against challenges claiming that their welcoming city ordinances, designed to build trust between law enforcement and immigrant communities violate state law.
- **Challenging** predatory schemes for collecting fines and fees from the indigent in Oklahoma.
- **Challenging** as a substantial burden on religious exercise the government’s attempt to build the border wall in south Texas where it would cut off a historic chapel on the south side of the wall.
- **Representing** a military veteran seeking to keep his lawfully adopted daughter in the United States.
- **Representing** the U.S. House of Representatives as amicus curiae in a case before the U.S. Supreme Court challenging the Commerce Department’s decision to include a citizenship question on the 2020 decennial census questionnaire.
The Litigator works closely with the Institute's Senior Litigator, Executive Director, other ICAP attorneys, research assistants, and students enrolled in a Constitutional Impact Litigation Practicum at Georgetown Law. The Litigator, drawing on extensive previous legal writing and litigation experience, will develop potential cases for ICAP to litigate, draft and review court documents for filing at the trial and appellate levels, and argue and prepare others on litigation teams to argue at the trial and appellate levels. The Litigator also will assist in supervising students engaged in research and other support of ICAP's litigation work. The Litigator will work as part of the ICAP team conceptualizing and implementing litigation strategies and tactics in complex court cases, including cases involving multiple plaintiffs and defendants; class actions; cases involving a wide range of legal claims, potentially to include a mix of federal-law and state-law claims; and cases arising in federal courts as well as in state courts around the country. Duties include but are not limited to:

Case Work

- Briefing and arguing cases in state and federal courts
- Developing cases and litigation strategies, including through extensive fact gathering
- Communicating with media about ICAP's advocacy

Academic Design

- Providing supervision, mentorship, feedback, and guidance to practicum students
- Refining legal writing generated by practicum students and incorporating it into briefing

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree and a Juris Doctorate (JD)
- At least 7 years of experience in legal work, preferably litigation, after law school

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Salary

Dependent on Experience

Application Instructions:

Please send resume and cover letter to reachICAP@georgetown.edu.