

Institute for
Constitutional Advocacy and Protection

GEORGETOWN LAW

The [Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection](#) (ICAP) is a non-partisan institute within Georgetown University's Law School. ICAP's mission is to use strategic legal advocacy to defend constitutional rights and values, while working to restore confidence in the integrity of their governmental institutions. ICAP's recent work includes safeguarding rights to free expression, assembly, and democratic participation; combating threats from unlawful private militias and political violence; fighting the criminalization of poverty and other forms of criminal legal system overreach; and defending the rights of young people and marginalized communities.

ICAP's **Senior Counsel** will drive results in complex, fast-moving litigation in defense of key constitutional rights and values. They will do so by employing diverse legal abilities to further litigation and adjacent policy development. The Senior Counsel's responsibilities will include (1) conceptualizing and effectuating high-impact litigation and related policy work and (2) ensuring that Georgetown Law students are meaningfully and materially integrated into those litigation efforts.

In particular, the Senior Counsel will engage in factual development and legal research, and will draw on legal research provided by students and other ICAP attorneys to assist in crafting constitutional impact litigation strategies in close coordination with the Institute's Directors.

Additionally, the Senior Counsel, drawing on previous legal experience, will carefully draft, revise, and edit briefing materials to be filed in court pertaining to those cases; will assist in mootings the advocates presenting and arguing the cases; and will present and argue cases at the trial and appellate levels. Senior Counsel will often assume the lead role in individual cases, subject to the supervision of ICAP's Directors. Senior Counsel will also be responsible for developing and implementing policy solutions on issues related to ICAP's litigation and mission. Litigation and policy work may involve working with community organizers and activists as well as local, state, and federal governmental officials.

The ICAP Senior Counsel will work closely with ICAP's other attorneys engaged in factual development and legal research and writing in support of ICAP's litigation and policy efforts. Additionally, the Senior Counsel will coordinate directly with ICAP's co-counsel in litigation and, moreover, will interact with other Georgetown Law faculty supporting ICAP's work on particular cases and with students participating in the practicum seminar offered in connection with ICAP's work. All told, the ICAP Counsel will be essential to fulfilling ICAP's mission of harnessing the talent and expertise of Georgetown Law's faculty and students in designing and effectuating strategically selected, complex constitutional litigation and policy development on cutting-edge issues and exposing the law school community, including students in the ICAP practicum, to such work in meaningful ways.

The Senior Counsel has duties that include but are not limited to:

Case Work

- Identifying opportunities for and developing litigation strategies for pursuing high-impact litigation
- Engaging in factual development for potential cases, including interacting with clients and witnesses, traveling to gather on-the-ground facts, and acquiring and analyzing data
- Drafting briefing materials
- Revising, editing, and providing feedback on briefing materials and ensuring that improvements are made effectively
- Presenting briefing materials to ICAP's Directors
- Mooting oral advocates preparing to present cases and oral argument in connection with ICAP litigation
- Preparing for and engaging in the presentation of evidence and oral argument at the trial and appellate court levels
- Researching and preparing policy solutions adjacent to ICAP's litigation work

Academic Design

- Assisting in presentations to students in ICAP's practicum seminar on constitutional impact litigation
- Providing mentorship, feedback, and guidance to practicum students
- Refining legal writing generated by the practicum and incorporating it into briefing associated with ICAP litigation
- Assisting in the design of academic program offerings

Research Management

- Overseeing and providing feedback on legal research to determine appropriate ICAP involvement in constitutional litigation likely to have an impact at a programmatic or policy level
- Overseeing and providing feedback on legal research to inform ICAP participation in constitutional impact litigation, including in support of written briefing materials and oral argument
- Overseeing and providing feedback on legal research in support of litigation-adjacent policy development

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree and J.D.
- At least 6 years of legal experience after law school (including clerkship time, if applicable).

Applicants who are committed to promoting a sense of belonging and contributing to an equitable and inclusive learning and working environment for all are strongly encouraged to apply.

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Interested candidates should send a resume, cover letter, and writing sample to reachICAP@georgetown.edu.