PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATOR

Public Citizen Litigation Group is seeking a staff attorney to develop and litigate a broad range of public interest cases. Located in Washington, DC, the Litigation Group is a 10-lawyer public interest law firm that serves as the litigating arm of the consumer advocacy organization Public Citizen. We practice at all levels of the federal courts, including a significant practice before the Supreme Court.

The Litigation Group’s docket addresses a variety of topics, including:

- health, safety, and consumer-protection regulation, including administrative law cases seeking to preserve public protections in the face of corporate and government anti-regulatory efforts,
- access to the civil justice system, including issues involving class actions, federal preemption, and forced arbitration,
- consumer-financial protection, under statutes such as the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and the Fair Credit Reporting Act,
- government transparency, including cases under the Freedom of Information Act, and
- First Amendment, including commercial speech issues and campaign finance reform.

Litigation against the government to advance and defend health, safety, worker, and consumer-protection regulations makes up a large portion of our docket. We also handle appeals on behalf of consumers, patients, and other individuals on issues arising in products liability, consumer financial protection, and worker rights cases.

In addition, the Litigation Group frequently files amicus curiae briefs in Supreme Court and appellate cases on issues within our areas of practice. Litigation Group lawyers also assist other divisions of Public Citizen and other public interest organizations on legislative and regulatory matters.

The new staff attorney will have significant responsibility for Freedom of Information Act cases but will also work on a variety of other issues.

For more information about the Litigation Group and Public Citizen, go to www.citizen.org/litigation and www.citizen.org. The Litigation Group’s website includes information about current and former cases and provides a comprehensive overview of our docket.

Qualifications include a minimum of 3 years of post-law-school litigation experience, excellent analytical and research skills, excellent writing ability, creativity, and dedication to public interest work. Applicants should have a strong interest in administrative law and consumer law. Applicants must be admitted to a state bar and admitted to or eligible for admission to the DC Bar.

To apply, send a cover letter, resume, list of references, law-school transcript, and writing sample by email to litapplicant@citizen.org. The writing sample can be of any length; please do not send an excerpt. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Salary depends on experience and is set by union contract. Benefits include fully paid medical and dental insurance, a retirement plan, and generous annual leave. Public Citizen is an equal opportunity employer.

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