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 concerning 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
• the First Amendment, including issues concerning commercial speech 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 the Supreme Court and courts of appeals on issues within our areas of practice. For a comprehensive overview of the Litigation Group’s docket, including information about current and former cases, go to www.citizen.org/litigation.

Litigation Group lawyers also assist other divisions of Public Citizen and other public interest organizations on legislative and regulatory matters. For more information about Public Citizen, go to www.citizen.org.

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. Appellate experience preferred. 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 legal 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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