

Director of Litigation/Senior Litigation Counsel
Project Veritas – Westchester, New York
Position Description

Project Veritas Legal is seeking a Director of Litigation/Senior Litigation Counsel to help achieve our mission.

About Project Veritas

Project Veritas investigates and exposes corruption, dishonesty, self-dealing, waste, fraud, and other misconduct in both public and private institutions to achieve a more ethical and transparent society.

About Project Veritas Legal

Project Veritas is interested in expanding its litigation presence, including through in-house work, to combat the rising tide of misinformation and defamation in the legacy media. Project Veritas Legal is a department of non-profit journalism outfit Project Veritas. Project Veritas Legal's mission and purpose it is to engage in litigation to protect, defend and expand First Amendment protections and rights of clients including, among others, undercover journalists and Insiders; promoting the free exchange of ideas in a digital world; combat and defeat censorship of any ideology; promotion of truthful reporting via litigation of defamation and unfair competition actions for clients; and the defense of freedom of speech and association issues including the right to anonymity.

Responsibilities

The Director of Litigation/Senior Litigation Counsel reports to the Chief Litigation Officer. The Director of Litigation/Senior Litigation Counsel is responsible for the management of our litigation case load under the supervision and in collaboration with our Chief Legal Officer. This responsibility includes, among other things, drafting complaints, heavy motion and discovery practice, taking and/or supervising depositions, trials, and appellate work.

All applicants must have litigation experience and a strong background in legal advocacy. Ideally, this person will have deep First Amendment or constitutional law expertise. This position will require the supervision and mentorship of associates.

Other responsibilities:

- Handle litigations from selection decision through appeals
- Interact with outside counsel as needed
- Interact with clients
- Assist in writing advocacy materials including legal backgrounders, blog posts and opinion articles, press releases, scripts.
- Provide legal review of press releases, videos, scripts, articles and op eds; write scripts.
- Develop new cases
- Work with selection committee, Chief Legal Officer and Board to select cases
- Advise our communications team and CEO on articles and publications, for print and digital, including video, covering our litigation strategy and advocacy.

Basic Qualifications:

- Passion for the Project Veritas and Project Veritas Legal missions.
- J.D. from an ABA accredited law school
- Active law license in any U.S. state in good standing

Preferred Qualifications and Experience:

- 5-7+ years of litigation experience, ideally with trial experience and an emphasis on discovery and motion practice.
- Ideally, but not necessarily, first chair experience in relevant areas including defamation law and/or First Amendment/constitutional law.
- Prior supervisory experience; strong leadership skills and judgment.
- Excellent writing and communication skills including persuasive writing and executive style communication
- Mission-driven belief in freedom of the press, freedom of association, freedom of speech, and the promotion of the same via accountability for defamation
- Proven innovator.
- Action-oriented initiative taking individual with an eye towards long-term strategy
- Organized and detail – oriented with regard to work product
- Ability to work in a collaborate, fast – paced environment.
- Demonstrated ability to work under pressure, meet deadlines and work long hours when required.
- Demonstrated understanding of civil rights and civil liberties issues particularly in the areas of freedom of the press and of association, and of defamation is a significant plus,
- An understanding of current media and experience dealing with political/cultural issues

Compensation

Competitive salary and benefits.

Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

Qualified candidates should submit the following in a pdf format

- Cover letter detailing interest in the position and why we should hire you. Please explain your interest in PV Legal's mission and state your salary requirement.
- Resume
- A complete list of your bar memberships, if not included in your resume
- At least two writing samples from legal briefs that are an accurate representation of your litigation legal writing.

Submit your application to: www.projectveritas.com/jobs

Questions can be directed to Suzanne Tufts at suzanne@projectveritas.com who is assisting with the search.

No phone calls please.