

## **LEGAL COUNSEL**

### **Description**

The Association of American Publishers (AAP) is accepting expressions of interest from experienced attorneys to join its Washington, DC staff as legal counsel. As the trade organization for the U.S. publishing industry, AAP is at the forefront of a wide range of legal and public policy developments that drive progress in the twenty-first century, including copyright protections for publishers and authors, competitive online markets, public-private collaborations, and freedom of expression. AAP delivers high quality advocacy for its member companies, while providing a stimulating but balanced work environment for its small team.

The incumbent will report to the General Counsel and support the organization's internal and external legal needs, including litigation, public policy, and compliance matters. The Legal Counsel will work closely with AAP's staff, membership, and network of experts, including by advising on litigation and public policy strategies; conducting legal research and analysis on complex issues; drafting briefs, policy documents, and regulatory submissions; testifying or participating in government proceedings; and representing the AAP in industry coalitions and events. The Legal Counsel will advise and help manage the organization's corporate, compliance, and transaction needs.

### **Experience**

Interested candidates should have three to eight years of rigorous legal training in a law firm or government practice, with substantial experience working on litigation and/or complex transactions. Substantive knowledge in the key areas of AAP's practice is preferred, including antitrust/competition law, copyright and technology, education policy, First Amendment protections, and/or administrative law. A successful candidate should be highly motivated to protect and promote the American publishing industry, which has been essential to democracy and human empowerment for more than two centuries and today drives creative content, learning platforms, and information analytics around the world. Candidates must have a JD from an accredited law school and be admitted or eligible to practice law. Salary will be commensurate with experience.

### **About AAP**

AAP represents the leading book, journal, and education publishers in the United States on matters of law and policy, including large, small, commercial, and not-for-profit houses. Our principal mission is to advocate for outcomes that incentivize and protect the publication of creative expression, professional content, and learning solutions in the modern world. More information is available at [www.publishers.org](http://www.publishers.org).

### **Applications**

Expressions of interest will be accepted until the position is filled and may be sent confidentially to [HR@publishers.org](mailto:HR@publishers.org). Please put "Legal Counsel" in the subject line of all communications. AAP values the array of talents and perspectives that a diverse workforce brings. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, national origin, religion, age, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or protected veteran status. We offer a competitive and comprehensive compensation and benefits package, including generous vacation; medical, dental, and vision insurance; a matching retirement plan; and telework program.