



Job Title: Senior Counsel, U.S. Litigation

Department: U.S. Legal Program

Center Background: The Center for Reproductive Rights (the Center) is the premier global legal organization dedicated to advancing women's reproductive health, self-determination, and dignity. Its mission is straightforward and ambitious: to advance reproductive health and rights as fundamental human rights that all governments around the world are legally obligated to protect, respect, and fulfill. Headquartered in New York City, the Center has regional offices in Bogota, Geneva, Kathmandu, Nairobi, and Washington, DC and a staff of more than 130 diverse professionals. Its annual operating budget is approximately \$23 million, the result of an extraordinary growth trajectory; the Center is now poised for a new phase of significant expansion through its next Strategic Plan.

The Center's game-changing litigation and advocacy work, combined with its unparalleled expertise in constitutional, comparative, and international human rights law, have transformed how reproductive rights are understood by courts, governments, and human rights bodies worldwide. It has played a key role in securing landmark legal victories in the U.S., Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Eastern Europe on issues including access to life-saving obstetrics care, contraception, safe abortion services, and comprehensive sexuality information, as well as the prevention of forced sterilization and child marriage. It has brought groundbreaking cases before national courts, U.N. Committees, and regional human rights bodies, led the development of historic, proactive legislation advancing robust protections for reproductive rights, and has built the legal capacity of women's rights advocates in more than 55 countries.

To learn more about the Center for Reproductive Rights, go to www.reproductiverights.org.

The Center seeks a **Senior Counsel, U.S. Litigation** in the United States Legal Program. The Senior Counsel will report directly to the Litigation Director and will assist in managing the Center's U.S. litigation. The Senior Counsel will also directly participate in impact litigation on reproductive rights and justice issues in federal and state courts around the country. The Center's high-profile and fast-paced litigation often involves novel legal claims, and our groundbreaking cases have changed the law and improved the lives of women throughout the U.S.

This position will be based in New York City.

Responsibilities:

Primary job responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Engage in all stages of litigation (including case development, trial and appellate work), particularly as supervising attorney, as lead on complex cases, and as Center attorney on cases in which pro bono firm takes lead;
- Maintain and develop client relationships and engage in client compliance work;
- Maintain and develop relationships with key partners;

- Assist other department attorneys in development of new cases (e.g., working up claims, preparing initial filings);
- Coordinate with state and federal advocacy teams on legislative work on as-needed basis;
- Providing guidance to other department attorneys on case budgeting;
- Undertaking special projects as requested by Litigation Director and SVP, US Programs;
- Representing the Center externally, including with partners, donors, media, academic and professional audiences; and
- Supervising and mentoring more junior department staff.

Essential Qualifications:

- Strong commitment to the Center's mission, purpose, and values;
- J.D. required;
- New York bar membership required;
- 12+ years of litigation experience including significant experience in both trial and appellate courts;
- Strong familiarity with constitutional law;
- Significant supervisory and management experience with demonstrated ability to mentor and supervise junior staff;
- Outstanding legal analysis skills;
- Excellent research, writing, and oral advocacy skills;
- Strong interpersonal skills; and
- Experience with reproductive rights issues or with other issues related to human rights, civil rights, or racial, economic or social justice is a strong plus, as is experience working with or on behalf of marginalized communities.

Compensation: The Center offers a competitive salary commensurate with experience and a comprehensive benefits program.

How to Apply: Please click on the link below to apply. A cover letter, resume, writing sample, and contact information for three references must be included in your application in order to be considered for this role. It is encouraged to include these application materials as attachments.

<https://reproductiverights.applicantpro.com/jobs/559169-29628.html>

Deadline for applications: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

The Center for Reproductive Rights is an equal opportunity employer, committed to inclusive hiring, and dedicated to diversity in our work and staff. We strongly encourage people from all groups and communities to apply.

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