



Job Title: Senior Staff Attorney, 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 **Senior Staff Attorney, U.S. Litigation** will report directly to the Litigation Director and will work closely with other attorneys in the U.S. Legal Program. The Senior Staff Attorney will be part of the Center's litigation team and 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:

The Senior Staff Attorney's primary job responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Act as lead counsel and engage in all aspects of litigation, including developing new cases and legal theories, discovery and motion practice, trials and appeals;

- Maintain client relationships, including providing compliance advice;
- Participate actively in program planning & case budgeting;
- Supervise staff attorneys, legal fellows, and interns;
- Represent the Center at public events, conferences, and coalition meetings;
- Maintain other important institutional relationships, including relationships with pro bono counsel;
- Work with Communications and Development departments to provide support and information, as needed, including handling press calls; and
- Work on other projects, as needed, such as legislative advocacy, human rights advocacy, and drafting legal or factual analyses for Center publications or external publications.

Qualifications:

- Strong commitment to the Center's mission, purpose, and values;
- J.D. required;
- New York bar membership required;
- 7+ years' litigation experience, including judicial clerkship(s);
- Demonstrated ability to manage all aspects of litigation with limited supervision, including significant experience in both trial and appellate courts;
- Substantial experience supervising 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 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.

Start of Position: This position can start in **Summer or Fall 2017**.

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 position. Please include these application materials as attachments.

<https://reproductiverights.applicantpro.com/jobs/512570-30518.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 candidates from all groups and communities to apply.

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