JOB POSTING



THE BUCKEYE INSTITUTE

The Buckeye Institute is expanding its litigation portfolio and looking for an experienced litigator to direct the Institute's legal efforts, which will include litigation to expand economic liberty, to promote the First Amendment rights of workers post-*Janus*, and to strategically challenge the excesses of the administrative state.

This visionary, proactive, and sophisticated litigator will chart The Buckeye Institute's path forward through the courts and ensure that Buckeye's strategic work is effective and successful, and will coordinate with Buckeye's policy experts and scholars as well to advance the Institute's entire mission. This person will have the opportunity to leverage his/her talent to advance freedom and make an impact in both a powerful swing state that sets the tone for the nation and at the federal level.

The Buckeye Institute currently has several high-profile federal cases that are being litigated primarily by outside counsel, and this new senior-level position will be the in-house litigator at Buckeye. Buckeye's Legal Center is comprised of Legal Fellows and Visiting Legal Fellows whose expertise informs Buckeye's work on a variety of legal reforms and policy issues. This position will include some travel, and will report directly to the organization's president and CEO.

Working full-time in the Columbus, Ohio, office is required. Buckeye offers a competitive salary and benefits that currently include a retirement savings plan with employer match, health insurance, and generous time-off/vacation.

Qualifications

The ideal candidate possesses the following:

- Active license in good standing to practice law in Ohio or another state with the ability to waive into Ohio or a willingness to take and pass the next offered Ohio bar exam.
- Juris doctorate or equivalent degree from an accredited law school.
- 5+ years of litigation experience, with prior trial experience.
- Prior public interest litigation experience strongly preferred.
- Comprehensive knowledge of constitutional law and familiarity with public policy and the political process.
- Strong interpersonal relationship skills.
- Impeccable integrity.
- Commitment to free-market solutions for public policy problems, classical liberal principles, and The Buckeye Institute's mission.
- Self-starting entrepreneurial work habits.
- Detail-orientation.
- Excellent research, analysis, writing, and speaking skills.

Responsibilities

- Develop and execute strategic litigation.
- Identify and select plaintiffs.
- Manage every facet of the cases while representing litigants in courts at every level in state and federal courts.
- Handle negotiations, draft complaints and motions, conduct depositions, and oral arguments.
- Serve as public spokesperson on the cases.
- Communicate regularly with clients to keep them apprized on their cases.
- Draft and also oversee contracted attorneys' drafts of *amicus curiae* briefs.
- Coordinate additional representation with private-sector attorneys as needed.

To Apply

Qualified candidates should submit the following in one PDF file:

- Résumé or C.V.
- Cover letter explaining your interest in the position, highlighting your previous litigation experience, detailing your philosophical interest in Buckeye's mission, and your salary requirements.
- Two samples of your persuasive legal writing.
- Three references (with contact information) of people who have overseen your legal work.
- An unofficial law school transcript. (Official transcript may be required later in the process.)

That single PDF file should be submitted to Talent Market via this link: https://talentmarket.org/candidates/apply-for-your-dream-job.

Questions can be directed to Katelynn Barbosa, talent engagement manager at Talent Market, who is assisting with the search: **katelynn@talentmarket.org**.

While we thank all applicants in advance for their interest in this position, we are able to contact only those to whom we can offer an interview. No phone calls, please.

About The Buckeye Institute

Founded in 1989, **The Buckeye Institute** is an independent research and educational institution—a think tank—whose mission is to advance free-market public policy in the states.

The staff at Buckeye accomplish the organization's mission by performing timely and reliable research on key issues, compiling and synthesizing data, formulating sound free-market policies, and promoting those solutions for implementation in Ohio and replication across the country.

The Buckeye Institute is located directly across the street from the Ohio Statehouse on Capitol Square in Columbus, where it assists legislative and executive branch policymakers by providing

ideas, research, and data to enable the lawmakers' effectiveness in advocating free-market public policy solutions.

The Buckeye Institute is a non-partisan, nonprofit, and tax-exempt organization, as defined by section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code. As such, it relies on support from individuals, corporations, and foundations that share a commitment to individual liberty, free enterprise, personal responsibility, and limited government. The Buckeye Institute does not seek or accept government funding.