

JOB POSTING



THE BUCKEYE INSTITUTE

The Buckeye Institute is seeking a one-year legal fellow to work on-site, in person, in Columbus, Ohio, beginning late summer/early fall 2026.

Duties include substantive legal and policy research involving exciting and cutting-edge issues and cases. The legal fellow may have active participation (under the guidance of Buckeye's professional legal team) in high-profile cases pending before state and federal courts as well as preparing for filing new lawsuits. The role may also involve assisting with the preparation of amicus curiae briefs to be filed in federal circuit courts or even the Supreme Court of the United States.

This position is open to newly-graduated law students who have not yet passed the bar as well as bar-admitted attorneys. Preference will be given to lawyers with one to five years of experience.

The legal fellow is expected to work full-time during regular business hours when The Buckeye Institute's office in Columbus, Ohio, is open (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

The application process is highly competitive. Accordingly, applicants should demonstrate academic excellence, outstanding verbal and written communication skills, strong research capabilities, and a commitment to limited government and free-market public policy solutions.

Application Instructions

Please submit the following to [**Manager@BuckeyeInstitute.org**](mailto:Manager@BuckeyeInstitute.org):

- Résumé;
- Cover letter explaining why you are interested in this position at The Buckeye Institute;
- Transcript (unofficial records are acceptable);
- Brief legal writing sample (that has not been edited by anyone else), which can be in the form of a short paper or an excerpt from a longer paper;
- Two to three references of people who have overseen your past professional work or academic research.

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.

Buckeye accomplishes its 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. It files direct legal challenges and also supports the litigation of other parties through amicus briefs including at the highest levels of state and federal courts.

*According to **The Columbus Dispatch**, The Buckeye Institute has become one of the most prominent players shaping the U.S. Supreme Court's agenda. The Buckeye Institute came in second place in the country for the number of amicus briefs it filed according to an independent analysis by Empirical SCOTUS.*

Buckeye litigates on a wide range of constitutional rights, amendments, and powers issues. Buckeye primarily supports preventing governments from abusing power, exceeding authority, and infringing on rights.

The Buckeye Institute cases include, but are not limited to:

- *First Amendment retaliation, speech, and association-related claims;*
- *Challenging public-sector unions' ongoing collection of former members' dues; and*
- *Rejecting Wickard v. Filburn's expansive interpretation of the Interstate Commerce Clause.*

*The list of Buckeye's existing cases and briefs can be found **here**.*

Buckeye's legal team also advocates for sound public policies that:

- *Reform our criminal justice system while keeping communities safe;*
- *Increase worker freedom and vindicate workers' First Amendment rights;*
- *Oppose abuses by the administrative state;*
- *Defend individual and property rights; and*
- *Uphold the proper balance of power between states and the federal government and checks and balances between the three branches.*