

Job Description: Tech Justice Law Project Extern (Remote)

The [Tech Justice Law Project \(TJLP\)](#), established in 2023 as a new project of [Campaign for Accountability](#), is focused on building robust tech accountability litigation in US courts. TJLP sits within a broader network of technologists, organizations, litigators and academics, all advocating for tech reform and accountability. TJLP is now looking for a legal and policy researcher to join the team!

As a new initiative, TJLP has a start-up culture that provides much opportunity for the right externship candidate. On a typical day at TJLP, an extern could expect to undertake any of the following responsibilities:

- Meet with coalition partners and brainstorm strategic amicus interventions in key tech litigation;
- Review amicus briefs already filed in key cases and draft analyses for publication in a tech media outlet;
- Undertake legal research and drafting on important tech accountability cases in US courts;
- Conduct legal research about the constitutionality / legality of important tech legislative reform proposals at federal and state level and meet with legislative offices;
- Attend US Supreme Court or appellate court oral arguments in key social media accountability cases, take notes during oral argument, and publish blog posts;
- Speak to reporters on background about trends and developments in legal / policy issues;
- Attend broader coalition meetings as a representative of TJLP;
- Lead 1:1 meetings with partners in the broader tech reform movement / network;
- Connect partners with resources and experts within the broader tech reform community;
- Prepare for and host litigator / legal academic / researcher convenings in person and/or online;
- Work with researchers to update Big Tech litigation tracker;
- Pitch ideas for new projects / cases within TJLP;
- Pivot nimbly to take on the rapidly shifting needs of the org as it grows and responds to needs in the tech reform ecosystem

We invite applications from candidates who are passionate about tech policy and law, and particularly from an angle of pursuing accountability. Ideally, the right candidate for the job will be pursuing a law degree, or an advanced law degree, but we also welcome students with other relevant expertise. Given the start-up nature of TJLP, this position will be a better fit for candidates who are flexible, able to take charge in an unstructured environment, willing to bring high level ideas to the strategy table, but equally willing to dive into the weeds of planning logistics or case updates.

Areas of focus

TJLP is focusing in four principal areas:

- 1) **Nurture creative legal scholarship and practice:** TJLP will work within the ivory towers to identify and nurture fresh thinking that can inform innovative approaches to policy making and litigation. Currently the democratic fundamentals of media resilience and online freedom are in jeopardy. Fundamentalist interpretations of the Constitution have elevated “speech” above all other rights, and, as Professor Mary Anne Franks argues, has contributed greatly to produce a deregulatory, “free market” approach to constitutional rights that is most fully realized in the idealization of the Internet. We need to foster clarity and consensus at the level of fundamental theory on concepts such as freedom of speech and expression, media freedom, corporate accountability, and digital human and civil rights by producing a body of work that shifts the discourse in light of the digital age and influences lawmakers, regulators, judges, and the public.
- 2) **Create a network of tech litigators and facilitate strategic connections to the broader tech accountability movement:** TJLP is helping to facilitate these connections and resource-sharing, mobilize groups of interested amici and organize amicus briefs where useful, contribute to developing new fact patterns, sharing empirical research, and identify prospective plaintiffs with litigators willing and able to file claims.
- 3) **Establish collaborative knowledge hubs:** TJLP is helping build a knowledge hub of litigation-related resources that allows for wide documentation and dissemination of ideas. For example, it is building litigator directories, collating and vetting model tech reform bills at the state level in particular, developing case and policy trackers, hosting periodic calls and convenings for the tech litigator network, offering training to key categories of decision-makers (e.g., state AGs) and advocates, and fostering broad discussion. TJLP will also provide resources and support to other initiatives that use FOIA requests, court dockets, open source investigation, motions to unseal, and leaked platform documents in order to develop strategies for accessing, sharing and centralizing information in the public interest.
- 4) **Build a pipeline of public interest tech lawyers:** TJLP is investing in lawyers willing to champion tech accountability, not resisting against it or trying to preserve the status quo. TJLP will work to recruit students and junior professionals into the fight for tech accountability, exposing them to the work and create opportunities for their integration into the movement for tech reform. They would be encouraged and receive support to become critical legal entrepreneurs – asking what the law should be, not what it has been or is today.

If interested in applying, please send your materials to Meetali Jain at meetali@techjusticelaw.org as soon as possible. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Please include:

- A current resume
- A short statement (no more than 1 page) of why you are interested in working with TJLP

The position is fully remote.