

Request for Applications

Legal Advisor for Digital Rights

Position Description

Do you want to protect digital rights and online freedoms? The International Center for Not-for-Profit Law ([ICNL](http://www.icnl.org)) is looking for a creative and motivated lawyer to help us do just that.

ICNL promotes the freedoms of association, assembly, and expression and supports civil society, digital rights, and philanthropy in countries around the world. ICNL engages with civil society, governments, parliaments, and the United Nations.

The *Legal Advisor for Digital Rights* is a full-time position based in ICNL's Washington, DC office. The job is dynamic, fast-paced, and best suited to someone creative, flexible, and comfortable with multi-tasking. Significant travel is expected.

The *Legal Advisor for Digital Rights* will help design and implement ICNL's programs to improve and protect digital rights and the legal environment for democratic freedoms online. Illustrative responsibilities include:

- Contributing to ICNL's organizational strategy on digital rights and technologies;
- Working with international stakeholders to develop norms relating to digital technologies (e.g., surveillance, Artificial Intelligence, biometrics, etc.);
- Providing legal analysis to government officials, parliamentarians, civil society, and technology companies on technology-related laws affecting democratic freedoms (e.g., cybersecurity, data protection);
- Designing and leading educational programs on digital technologies;
- Liaising with technology companies and other industry stakeholders to identify opportunities for their collaboration with civil society;
- Assisting with budget and grant/contract management, and program development; and
- Representing ICNL at meetings and conferences.

Qualifications

- Law degree from an accredited school;

- At least 5 years of professional experience relating to digital policy, international development, human rights, or the technology sector;
- Knowledge of existing and emerging digital technologies and their impact on civic space (experience with initiatives to develop international norms relating to digital technologies that affect civic space is an advantage);
- Excellent research, advocacy, analytical, writing, and presentation skills;
- Proven ability to engage constructively with governments, civil society and/or media networks, and technology companies;
- Experience in program design and project management (experience in program development/grant writing is an advantage);
- Fluency in English is required (proficiency in an additional language is an advantage);
- Willingness to travel extensively; and
- Legal authorization to work in the U.S. (Please note that the Legal Advisor must be willing to live in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.)

Application Process

To apply, please e-mail your cover letter, curriculum vitae, and a short writing sample to jobs@icnl.org. *In the subject line of your e-mail, please indicate “Legal Advisor for Digital Rights.” In your cover note, please reference where you saw this posting.* Applications should be submitted by **January 31, 2023** and will be considered on a rolling basis.

Only finalists will be contacted. No phone calls or emails to ICNL staff, please. ICNL is an equal opportunity employer.