



Accountability Is Our Middle Name

Often called the “congressional watchdog,” GAO is an **independent, nonpartisan, legislative branch agency** that advises Congress about ways to make government more efficient, effective, equitable, and responsive.

Returning **more than \$100 in taxpayer savings** for every dollar of our budget, we support oversight of federal spending by:

- **auditing federal programs**
- **investigating** allegations of illegal or improper activities
- **reporting** on agency program and policy effectiveness
- **analyzing policy** and outlining options for Congress
- **issuing legal decisions and opinions** in areas related to bid protests of federal contracts, reports on agency rules, and use of public money

Our People Are Our Strength

...and we value them accordingly. We strive for:

A workplace that emphasizes

- diversity
- inclusion
- respect
- fairness



Work/life balance, offering

- flexible work schedules
- continuous learning
- a pay system that rewards performance



GAO has ranked in the top 5 Best Places to Work in the federal government every year since 2005, and our support of diversity has been top-ranked among mid-sized federal agencies since 2011.

When We Talk, Others Listen

GAO is integral to government decision making.

We make hundreds of recommendations each year, testify frequently at congressional hearings, and are cited regularly in the national press.

On average, roughly 80% of our recommendations are implemented over a four-year period, improving government services and saving taxpayers billions of dollars annually.



Apply to Our Summer Associate Program

Eligibility	2L or equivalent
Schedule	Full time for 10 to 12 weeks
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To work on important and challenging issues as part of a team of attorneys • To be considered for a permanent attorney position after graduation
Compensation	Competitively paid position; benefits
More Information	www.gao.gov/careers/attorneys.html

How to apply: OGC conducts interviews at select law schools and career fairs. The list of laws schools and career fairs where OGC recruits is posted online at www.gao.gov/careers/attorneys.html.



Law students may also apply to OGC’s Summer Associate program by submitting a cover letter, resume, unofficial transcript, and writing sample of up to 10 pages to legalcareers@gao.gov.

For online applications, interviews are usually conducted via videoconference. Due to the large number of applications we receive, **only those invited for an interview will be contacted.**

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Office of the General Counsel (OGC)

Why OGC?



“Our attorneys help improve accountability and transparency in government, make a good living, and can maintain a healthy balance between work and family life.”

—Thomas H. Armstrong
General Counsel

Make an Impact

“While a Summer Associate, I worked on timely and challenging legal issues that were of high priority to the Congress, and I met some amazing future colleagues during the process!”

—Joshua Gillerman
Staff Attorney, Procurement Law



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What We Do

GAO’s Office of the General Counsel employs approximately 180 attorneys, all in Washington, D.C.

The scope and depth of our legal expertise is unparalleled in the federal government. Our attorneys provide:

- Legal advice and services to GAO’s analysts assessing virtually every federal activity
- Assistance in drafting legislation and preparing congressional testimonies and briefings
- Resolution to disputes over the award of multi-million dollar federal contracts
- Legal decisions and opinions to Congress and agencies on the expenditure of public funds
- In-house counsel services to help GAO manage its 3,000-person organization and litigate before the Personnel Appeals Board

In addition to providing stimulating, challenging, and rewarding legal opportunities, OGC prides itself on its collegial working environment.

Exceptional Legal Expertise

As GAO follows the federal dollar wherever it goes, so do our attorneys. Our attorneys practice in many areas, including:



Budget and Appropriations



Federal Procurement



Cybersecurity



Finance



Defense



Health Care



Employment and Labor



International Affairs



Energy and Natural Resources



Litigation