General Counsel
The Association of American Publishers is accepting expressions of interest for the position of General Counsel. As a key member of AAP’s leadership team, the General Counsel will work closely with AAP’s leadership, staff, membership, and network of experts on a wide range of public policy developments affecting the global publishing industry, many of which involve both intellectual property and technology development. The position has primary responsibility for managing litigation.

The successful candidate will have deep subject matter expertise in content and media law, such as copyright law, licensing, digital markets, evolving distribution and access models, platform dominance, privacy, and the First Amendment, as well as substantial experience directing a national or international practice in the private and/or public sectors.

In addition to superb management skills, the position requires significant litigation experience, exceptional communication skills, and a demonstrated record of leading strategies, action plans, and collaborations to successful conclusions. S/he must have the talent to translate technical expertise into productive dialogues and deliverables, and to assist and inspire colleagues to do the same across a variety of subject areas.

The General Counsel is a critical advocate for the publishing industry and must be a flexible thinker, energetic actor, and highly respected member of the legal profession. S/he should be comfortable interacting persuasively, concisely, and respectfully with allies, adversaries, and senior government officials about statutory interpretation and public policy objectives. S/he may be called upon to lead and manage industry-wide initiatives, participate in legal or regulatory proceedings, and deliver remarks, presentations, or testimony to various audiences in the United States or abroad. The successful candidate will be passionate about books, reading, research, and education.

The position is based in Washington, D.C. and reports to AAP’s President and Chief Executive Officer.

About AAP
AAP represents the leading book, journal, and education publishers in the United States on matters of law and policy, including large, small, commercial, and not-for-profit houses. Our principal mission is to advocate for outcomes that incentivize and protect the publication of creative expression, professional content, and learning solutions in the modern world. More information is available at www.publishers.org.

Applications
Expressions of interest will be accepted until the position is filled and may be sent confidentially to HR@publishers.org. Please put “Position of General Counsel” in the subject line of all communications.

AAP values the array of talents and perspectives that a diverse workforce brings. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, national origin, religion, age, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or protected veteran status. We offer a competitive and comprehensive compensation and benefits package, including a generous vacation plan; medical, dental, and vision insurance; employee retirement plan; and telework program.