



Neighborhood Legal Services
of Los Angeles County

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT:
CONSUMER ATTORNEY**
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Through a combination of individual representation, high impact litigation and public policy advocacy, NLSLA combats the immediate and long-lasting effects of poverty and expands access to health, opportunity, and justice in Los Angeles' diverse neighborhoods.

NLSLA is seeking a Consumer/Bankruptcy Attorney. The ideal candidate will be a skillful attorney who can excel in a fast-paced, Consumer/Bankruptcy law practice and is capable of fiercely advocating on behalf of NLSLA clients in multiple forums. The candidate must have a demonstrated passion and commitment to public interest law and prior experience serving low-income individuals and client groups, with a sensitivity to those in crisis. The ideal candidate must possess strong research and organizational skills; the ability to effectively communicate verbally and in writing; and well-developed analytical skills. Of critical importance is that the candidate be self-motivated and have the ability to work as part of a collaborative team. Travel within LA County required.

Position: Staff Attorney – Bankruptcy/Consumer

Availability: Availability is Immediate.

Salary: Salary \$60,000 + - Commensurate with experience. Excellent Benefits which include: choice of medical, dental, vision; life and disability insurance plans; 125 plan; 403(b) with employer contribution, sick and vacation pay, and 13 employer-paid holidays.

Duties and Responsibilities: The Staff Attorney is expected to maintain expertise on a range of consumer issues. Initially this position will focus on the expected increase in credit card lawsuits, bankruptcies, and other financial challenges exacerbated by the Coronavirus Pandemic. This position will focus on holistic community-based legal services to low-income workers. The attorney will represent clients in litigation and administrative hearings, and will oversee consumer debt and bankruptcy community clinics, some of which will be held during non-traditional business hours. The attorney will also supervise and train volunteer attorneys, legal assistant(s), interns, and non-attorney volunteers when needed, and will work in close coordination with other NLSLA attorneys and community-based organizations. Responsibilities also include keeping records as needed for purposes of measuring outcomes and grant reporting. Advocacy may include participation in high-impact projects/litigation involving systemic or policy issues affecting low-income wage workers.

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Qualifications: California Bar membership is required with at least 2 years' experience. Candidate must be highly motivated and passionate about public service work, with sensitivity to those in crisis. Excellent writing, speaking and organizational skills and the ability to communicate effectively with clients, community organizations, attorneys, the judiciary and the public. Experience working with low-income client groups strongly preferred. Bilingual ability in Spanish or Chinese strongly preferred.

About NLSLA: Founded in 1965 as part of our nation's War on Poverty, NLSLA is now one of the largest and most prominent public interest law firms in California. NLSLA provides free assistance to more than 150,000 low-income residents of Los Angeles County each year. Its operating budget for 2020 will reach \$22 million, with a staff of more than 160, including 80 attorneys.

NLSLA serves all of Los Angeles County with a special emphasis on the poverty communities of the San Fernando, San Gabriel, Pomona and Antelope Valleys, as well as the central county cities of Glendale, Burbank and Pasadena. NLSLA staff members are housed in four regional offices located in Pacoima, El Monte, Boyle Heights, and Glendale - where the program's administrative offices are also located. In addition, NLSLA advocates are co-located in courthouses in Van Nuys, Lancaster, Chatsworth, Pomona and Downtown LA; Hospitals and health centers in Sylmar, Van Nuys, North Hollywood and El Monte; and with social services providers in the Antelope Valley.

Advocates specialize in areas of the law that disproportionately impact the poor, including affordable housing and eviction defense, access to public benefits, support for domestic violence victims, access to healthcare, worker and consumer rights, as well as employment and training. NLSLA is particularly known for its innovative programs and collaborative models for delivering services across the County. Among those are the NLSLA Health Consumer Center (HCC) and Medical Legal Community Partnership projects ensuring that everyone receives the health care they need; Shriver Housing - LA providing right to counsel for evictions; Self-Help Legal Access Centers assisting the un-represented with domestic violence, family law and eviction cases in nine courthouses; Preventing and Ending Homelessness Project (PEHP) providing legal help to the homeless in Antelope, San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys; and Disaster Legal Assistance providing support and help to low-income disaster survivors.

To apply: Forward resume and cover letter to (no phone calls):

Applicants should send a cover letter and resume to:
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