



Neighborhood Legal Services  
of Los Angeles County

## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT** **Staff Attorney- Education Rights** **September 2022**

Join the Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA) and become part of an energetic team of advocates that provide a wide-range of legal services aimed to address social inequity that disproportionately impact low-income communities, communities of color, individuals with disabilities, and those who have been system-involved. These services include litigation, providing training and technical assistance, and community education.

NLSLA seeks an Education Rights Attorney for its Pacoima or Glendale offices. The ideal candidate will be a skillful attorney who can excel in a fast-paced and community-driven law practice. The attorney should be committed to advocating for student, parent, and caregiver 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 groups, with a sensitivity to those with trauma and in crisis. The candidate should also possess strong research and organizational skills, the ability to communicate effectively in writing and verbally, and well-developed problem solving and analytical skills. Interest in managing direct services, litigation, and policy projects is preferred.

**Position:** Staff Attorney- Education Rights

**Availability:** Availability is Immediate.

**Salary:** Salary starts at \$68,000 - commensurate with experience. Excellent Benefits which include: choice of medical, dental, vision; life and disability insurance plans; flexible spending account (FSA) 125 plan; 403(b) with employer contribution, bilingual pay supplement, sick and vacation pay, and 14 employer-paid holidays.

**Duties and Responsibilities:** Represent students in school discipline proceedings, discrimination and harassment complaints, individualized education program (IEP) meetings, and in special education administrative hearings. Provide advice, counsel, and limited scope representation to youth and families on a range of education justice issues. Collaborate with community partners to address school push out and the school-to-prison pipeline as well as the rights of students with disabilities. Conduct outreach to communities in the Antelope Valley. Collaborate with public defenders and community-based organizations in the representation of system-involved youth. Teach, train, and supervise law student interns and clerks. Develop legal education materials. Engage in systemic advocacy including policy advocacy, public records act advocacy, and litigation as appropriate. Complete administrative tasks, such as those related to case management

**Qualifications:** Successful candidates will have/be:

- Licensed and eligible to practice law in California.
- Prior experience or interest in serving low-income individuals and/or youth.

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- Prior experience or interest in working with and presenting to community-based organizations.
- Excellent communication (oral, written, listening) skills.
- Strong organizational skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a collaborative and dynamic team.
- Bilingual proficiency in Spanish is strongly preferred but not required.

COVID-19 vaccination is required, which is a condition of employment. Reasonable accommodations will be considered.

### About NLSLA:

Founded in 1965 as part of our nation's War on Poverty, Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA) is now one of the largest and most prominent public interest law firms in California. NLSLA provides free assistance to more than 115,000 low-income residents of Los Angeles County each year. The NLSLA staff of 180, including 80 attorneys, specialize in areas of the law that disproportionately impact low-income people, including affordable housing and eviction defense, access to public benefits, support for domestic violence victims, access to healthcare, worker and consumer rights, services for justice-involved adults and youth, education rights, clean slate initiatives, and employment and training.

Through a combination of individual representation, high impact litigation, and public policy advocacy, NLSLA's advocacy combats the immediate and long-lasting effects of poverty and expands access to health, opportunity and justice. 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. In addition, NLSLA advocates are co-located in courthouses in Van Nuys, Lancaster, Chatsworth, Pomona, Pasadena, 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.

### To apply:

**Applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to:**

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