

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: Paralegal October 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 issues that disproportionately impact the poor. These services include litigation, providing training and technical assistance, and community education.

The Paralegal works under the direction of NLSLA Supervising Attorney as part of a team working on the San Fernando Valley Bankruptcy Self-Help Center located at the Woodland Hills U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District. Bilingual ability in English and Spanish required.

**Position:** Paralegal – Bankruptcy/Consumer Self-Help

**Availability:** Availability is Immediate.

Salary: Salary starts at \$40,000- commensurate with experience. Excellent Benefits which

include: choice of medical, dental, vision; life and disability insurance plans; 125 plan; 403(b) with employer contribution, bilingual pay supplement, sick and vacation pay, and

14 employer-paid holidays.

**Duties and Responsibilities:** 

The Paralegal screens litigants for bankruptcy process, consumer issues, coordinates seminar presentation question and answer sessions, assists pro bono lawyers with the litigants prepares legal documents; supports attorneys at community-based legal clinics; inputs and tracks data for grant reporting purposes, and maintains client and referral database.

**Qualifications:** 

Capacity to handle consistent in-person litigant contact and dedicated to working with non-profit public interest organizations. Ability to work independently with moderate supervision. Excellent interpersonal and computer skills, as well as the ability to problem-solve and patience/sensitivity with people in crises. Must have one of the following: (1) paralegal certificate, (2) B.A. or B.S. degree with one (1) year experience working in a law office or other legal setting under the supervisor of a licensed attorney with a letter certifying the experience, or (3) high school degree with 3 years' experience working in a law office or other legal setting under the supervision of a licensed attorney with a letter certifying the experience.

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

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## **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-parting 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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