

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: Staff Attorney- Health Consumer Center November 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.

NLSLA is seeking a Staff Attorney for Health Consumer Center (HCC). The Attorney is expected to maintain expertise on a range of health care access issues affecting low-income individuals including eligibility, access to care, affordability with emphasis on managed care delivery systems issues; manage a caseload of health advocacy cases performing all functions from intake to case management to representation, negotiation, administrative hearings, plan grievances, litigation and systems advocacy; provide on-going legal research, support and training to health care counselors who staff the HCC hotline.

## Position: Staff Attorney- Health Consumer Center (HCC)

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, loan reimbursement, bilingual pay supplement, sick and vacation pay, and 14 employer-paid holidays.

- **Duties and Responsibilities:** Provide legal advice to individual clients; participate in all aspects of advocacy and litigation including, but not limited to: client interviews, factual investigation, legal research, discovery, preparation of legal documents, negotiations, administrative hearings and trials, and appellate work in both state and federal courts; provide substantive support and legal advice to paralegal advocates in the HCC; assist in outreach and community education to health consumers and community based organizations; provide technical expertise on health care law to a range of community based organizations; and participate in projects involving systemic or policy issues impacting large numbers of low-income health care consumers.
- Qualifications: California Bar membership and bilingual verbal, reading, and writing skills in Spanish are preferred. Highly motivated attorney passionate about public service work, with sensitivity to those in crisis. I-3 years' experience preferred. Excellent writing, speaking and organizational skills and the ability to communicate effectively with clients, community organizations, attorneys, the judiciary and the public as well as capacity to supervise students. Knowledge of the principals and procedures of litigation in state and federal

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courts, and administrative agencies. Experience advocating for individuals or other advocacy work involving health and public benefits issues preferred. Health expertise preferred. General poverty law background in the areas of housing, immigration, family law, public benefits and the delivery of health care desirable.

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-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:

Lambreni Waddell, Chief of Staff & Interim Director of Human Resources Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County 1102 E. Chevy Chase Drive Glendale, CA 91205 Fax: (818) 291-1790 E-mail: <u>employment@nlsla.org</u>

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