

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: Staff Attorney- Stay Housed LA Program

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 low income communities. These services include litigation, providing training and technical assistance, and community education.

NLSLA is currently seeking a licensed attorney join our eviction defense team, which is tasked with addressing the housing crisis in Los Angeles through the implementation of a county-wide right to counsel program. The attorney will defend tenants against eviction in cases filed in the Stanley Mosk, Chatsworth, Van Nuys, Pasadena, and West Covina courthouses. The attorney will work directly with clients and engage in all stages of litigation, including pleadings, discovery, motions, hearings, settlement, administrative hearings, and trial. Other duties may include operating weekly "know your rights" clinics for tenants, preparing educational materials, participating in community events, and collaborating with pro bono partners.

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Availability: Availability is Immediate.

Salary: Salary range \$76,000- \$84,000- 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:

Qualified candidates will be expected to provide counsel and advice on a variety of housing matters and represent tenants in administrative hearings with local housing authorities and through trial in unlawful detainer proceedings. The candidate will manage a varied caseload and work with student volunteers and pro bono volunteers.

Qualifications:

Candidates should have a JD and membership in the California State Bar, or attorneys who are properly licensed and in good standing in another state. Individuals should be highly motivated and passionate about public service work with excellent writing, speaking and organizational skills. The ability to work collaboratively and effectively in a fast-paced environment are highly desirable. The candidate will be expected to work from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bilingual proficiency in Spanish preferred, but not required.

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 190, 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:

Please <u>click here to apply</u>. Please provide a cover letter, resume, and writing sample on the application.

NLSLA is committed to the principle of equal employment opportunity for all employees and to providing employees with a work environment free of discrimination and harassment. All employment decisions at NLSLA are based on organizational needs, job requirements and individual qualifications, without regard to age, race, color, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, veteran, disability status, family or parental status, or any other status protected by federal and CA state laws. NLSLA will not tolerate discrimination or harassment based on any of these characteristics. NLSLA provides equal benefits to employees with spouses and its employees with domestic partners.