



Staff Attorney- Family Law

Change Lives and Transform Communities – Join Our Family Law Team!

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA) provides free assistance to over 175,000 individuals and families each year through innovative projects that expand access to justice. We see the law as a powerful tool for social change, and we're looking for passionate individuals to help us fight for justice.

We value diverse perspectives and experiences, and we believe that a strong community is built through inclusivity. NLSLA is proud to foster an environment that welcomes individuals from all backgrounds and abilities, and we encourage all qualified candidates to apply.

About the Role

The family law attorney will join a team of NLSLA attorneys who represent survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in various family law matters. The family law attorney provides direct representation and will be comfortable with being in court regularly, up to several times a week. This position can also offer opportunities to provide education and outreach through legal trainings and engagement with partner agencies and organizations. The family law attorney will be expected to be attentive to grant compliance requirements.

In this role, you would report to the Supervising Attorney. This position is exempt.

What You'll Do

- Provide legal services to low-income survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- Represent survivors in restraining order hearings and other family law proceedings.
- Maintain consistent and timely communication with clients and deliver legal services using trauma-informed practices.
- Frequently travel to other NLSLA branch offices, courts, government agencies, shelters and community-based organizations throughout southern California.
- Attend and engage in family law team meetings and collaborate with the other attorneys, paralegals and secretaries to ensure the highest level of service to clients.

- Collaborate closely with social services agencies to assess the legal needs of the community.
- Review and maintain compliance with grants.
- Ensure timely completion of all administrative responsibilities, including daily timekeeping, reimbursement requests, case file updates, and grant compliance documentation.
- Participate in public policy advocacy, community education, and outreach activities to effect policy and systems changes that benefit survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- This position is designated as hybrid. Employees are required to work on-site a minimum of two (2) days per week, with the remaining time eligible for remote work as business needs allow. Specific in-office days may be set by the department or manager to support team collaboration and organizational priorities.
- Travel to NLSLA program offices, courthouses, and other locations throughout Los Angeles County may be required.

What You'll Need

- A Juris Doctor (JD) from an accredited law school.
- An active California State Bar license.
- Prior experience serving low-income individuals and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- Experience working with trauma-informed approaches.
- Excellent communication (oral, written, listening) skills.
- Strong organizational skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a dynamic team.
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel, business communication platforms, and web-based case management platforms.
- Passion for NLSLA mission and demonstrated commitment to advocating for the legal rights of low-income individuals.
- Passion, empathy, and compassion for supporting people from different lived experiences.

Bonus Points

- Worked in a legal services firm.
- Are bilingual in Spanish, due to the high number of Spanish-speaking residents in the community, or in any of the other Los Angeles threshold languages, which is highly valued in our community outreach efforts.

Why You'll Love Working with Us

At NLSLA, we believe in supporting our staff as they grow in their careers and live balanced lives. We offer:

- **Competitive Salary:** \$85,000–\$93,000, based on experience.
- **Generous Time Off:** 15 paid holidays, 2 to 5 weeks of vacation depending on seniority, and 12 days of sick leave. Exempt employees are eligible for compensatory time in accordance with company policy.
- **Comprehensive Benefits:**
 - Medical, dental, and vision insurance with a variety of plan options.
 - Basic Life and AD&D Insurance, Long-Term Disability Insurance.
 - 403(b) retirement plan with employer contributions and options for voluntary contributions.
 - Monthly bilingual supplement for qualified employees. Note: Qualified employees with bilingual proficiency are expected to provide in-language assistance when feasible to support language access and in furtherance of NLSLA's mission. This expectation applies whether or not the employee receives the bilingual supplement.
 - Loan Repayment Assistance Program, which provides law school student loan repayment assistance for eligible individuals.
- **A Culture of Inclusion:** We are committed to fostering a respectful, inclusive work environment where everyone can thrive.
- **Perks:** Technology reimbursement to help you stay connected and equipped to do your best work.

NLSLA is a unionized workplace. Membership in the union is a condition of employment for this position.

Apply Today

Are you ready to make a lasting impact on the lives of vulnerable families in Los Angeles?

Apply now to join our team and be part of a mission-driven organization dedicated to justice and equity. [Click here to apply](#). Please provide a cover letter, resume, and writing sample on the application.

We are excited to hear from you!

Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

NLSLA is committed to provide a work environment that respects the dignity and worth of each individual and is free from all forms of employment discrimination based on each and every characteristic protected under the law and beyond.

Decisions related to hiring, compensating, training, evaluating performance, promoting, or terminating are made fairly, and are based on job-related qualities and abilities. We provide equal employment opportunities to all qualified candidates and employees. We examine our unconscious biases and take responsibility for always striving to create an inclusive environment that makes every employee and candidate feel welcome.

We further expect every member of the NLSLA community to do their part to cultivate and maintain an environment where everyone has the opportunity to feel included and is afforded the respect and dignity they deserve.

We will consider for employment all qualified applicants, including those with criminal histories, in a manner consistent with applicable state and local laws, including the City of Los Angeles' Fair Chance Initiative for Hiring Ordinance. Please note that, in limited circumstances, certain convictions may be considered incompatible with the responsibilities of specific roles, particularly where the safety and well-being of vulnerable client populations are a concern.

NLSLA's Commitments

We are committed to fostering a culture of inclusion and belonging within our organization and the communities we serve. We achieve this through:

- **Continuous Learning:** Cultivating cultural competency and humility among staff through ongoing training, open dialogue, and self-reflection.
- **Equitable Practices:** Regularly reviewing and revising policies, procedures, and decision-making processes to ensure fairness and access for all.
- **Strategic Resource Allocation:** Directing resources towards initiatives that empower communities.
- **Meaningful Community Engagement:** Partnering with the communities we serve to co-create solutions and foster trust.

- **A Respectful Workplace:** Providing a work environment free from discrimination and where every individual is valued, heard, and respected for their unique contributions.