

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Directing Attorney, Consumer Law Project

Position Available: Immediately

Background: Public Counsel is the nation's largest public interest *pro bono* law office, and functions as the public interest arm of the Los Angeles County and Beverly Hills Bar Associations. It is also the Southern California affiliate of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. Public Counsel provides representation and legal assistance to low-income individuals and non-profits in the areas of consumer fraud, immigration, homelessness, child care law, children's rights, community development, and appellate law, among other matters.

Fighting for justice for indigent victims of consumer fraud and abuse is the hallmark of Public Counsel's oldest project, the Consumer Law Project ("CLP"). Since 1970, the CLP and its volunteer attorneys have represented thousands of low-income consumers who have been victimized by home equity scams, auto fraud, unlawful debt collection, and a wide variety of other forms of consumer fraud. The CLP also runs a bankruptcy project, which coordinates and provides pro bono representation to clients needing assistance in Chapter 7 matters.

Position Description: The Directing Attorney of the Consumer Law Project will:

- Supervise 4 attorneys and 3 legal assistants to provide direct legal services and representation to indigent victims of consumer fraud.
- Litigate a full docket of (mostly state court) cases involving home equity fraud, auto fraud, and other forms of consumer fraud.
- Recruit, supervise, and support a large network of pro bono attorneys to handle these types of cases referred by Public Counsel.
- Supervise a bankruptcy subproject involving pro bono referrals of Chapter 7 cases.
- Engage in public policy and legislative work to advance the interests of low-income consumers throughout the state.
- Identify and file impact litigation on behalf of low-income consumers.
- Coordinate with other legal service organizations and government agencies to engage in community education on these issues.

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Qualifications: Must be a member in good standing of the California Bar, with at least six (6) years of solid litigation experience. Familiarity with consumer law desired but not required.

Salary: Commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits package.

To Apply: Please send a cover letter, résumé, and brief writing sample to:

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No phone calls please. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Public Counsel is an Equal Opportunity Employer.