



## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Title: Equal Justice Works/AmeriCorps Attorney with the Homelessness Prevention Law Project**

**Position Available:** August 2008.

This is a one-year position with potential for renewal for an additional one-year period.

#### **Background:**

Public Counsel is the public interest law office of the Los Angeles County and Beverly Hills Bar Association. Founded in 1970, it is the largest *pro bono* public interest law office in the nation. Through its various programs, Public Counsel staff work with pro bono attorneys to provide legal assistance to indigent and under represented individuals and the community organizations that serve them. Public Counsel provides representation in the areas of consumer fraud, homelessness, children's rights, immigration, child care, nonprofits and community economic development.

#### **Job Description:**

The Equal Justice Works/AmeriCorps attorney will supervise and coordinate the General Relief Advocacy Project ("GRAP") during the winter and spring months of 2008/2009. This involves engaging and training law students from participating law schools (Loyola, UCLA, USC, Southwestern) who will then be taken out into the field to the various DPSS/Welfare Offices to advocate on behalf of those applying for general relief, food stamps and other benefits administered through those offices. The attorney will also coordinate the GRAP program for the summer of 2009. Summer GRAP entails training and supervising Public Counsel's summer law clerks in the laws and procedures associated with general relief. These summer law clerks, under the supervision of the attorney, will then assist in training and supervising law clerks from private law firms in general relief law and advocacy. The private law firm clerks coupled with Public Counsel's summer clerks will then fan out to various DPSS sites to provide advocacy and assistance to applicants seeking benefits. The attorney will also be responsible for expanding GRAP participation in existing law schools, as well as undergraduate programs. Arranging schedules for each of the participating schools and law firms, coordinating student leaders/point persons at each participating school and law firm, evaluating legal issues that arise during advocacy and developing legal solutions, and enlisting in house or pro bono legal representation for clients are all part of the attorney's responsibilities. The attorney will also be expected to assist in conducting clinics and other homelessness prevention outreach, time permitting, and to develop an area of legal expertise to provide legal services to the low income population served in an area of law where those services are non-existent, or not sufficiently addressed.

**Qualifications:** JD, admitted to the California Bar (or results pending as of August 08). Ability to speak, write and read Spanish strongly preferred.

**Salary:** Equal Justice Works/AmeriCorps Fellowship

**To Apply:** Please send a cover letter and resume as soon as possible to:

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