



## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Title: Staff Attorney/Resource Coordinator with the Homelessness Prevention Law Project's Homeless Court Program**

**Position Available: Pending Funding – anticipated April 1, 2008**

This is a three-year position with potential for renewal.

### **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, early care and education, nonprofits, and community economic development.

The Los Angeles Homeless Court Program is a community partnership of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Los Angeles City Attorney, and Los Angeles County Public Defenders and District Attorneys, in addition to homelessness, veterans, drug/alcohol, mental health rehabilitation facilities, and Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Service-administered welfare-to-work programs.

Homeless Court is available to formerly homeless persons who have made a substantial commitment to rehabilitation and are referred by a program caseworker. Through this administrative process, applicants who meet the criteria may have warrants and citations for quality-of-life offenses dismissed.

### **Job Description:**

- Conduct outreach to support/assist service providers in training case managers on Homeless Court benefits so that they can incorporate them into their case management and discharge planning
- Train case managers on the Homeless Court, including the application and eligibility requirements for the Homeless Court
- Train case managers on legal resources available to help break the cycle of homelessness
- Oversee transportation and housing components to ensure these ancillary services help facilitate participation with unresolved court matters for Homeless Court participants and completion of Homeless Court requirements needed to break the cycle of homelessness

- Provide litigation support for the diverse legal needs of Homeless Court participants, both directly and through our *pro bono* network
- Interface with Courts to refine processes for dismissals of citations and warrants
- Develop public and private community partnerships to expand the scope of Homeless Court and ensure broader access to its vital benefits
- Work as a dynamic member of Public Counsel's Homelessness Prevention Law Project in striving, through our signature holistic approach to advocacy, to institute local, state, and federal reforms to reduce homelessness
- Recruit, train, and supervise volunteers to enable the expansion of Homeless Court
- Supervise a full-time social worker and legal assistant and volunteers to enable the Homeless Court program to achieve optimal results

**Qualifications:**

- Must be a member in good standing of the State Bar of California

**To Apply:**

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