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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

DIRECTING ATTORNEY

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION LAW PROJECT

ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

Public Counsel is the largest *pro bono* public interest law firm in the country. Founded in 1970, it is dedicated to advancing equal justice under law and addressing economic, racial, and other inequities by delivering free legal and social services to the most vulnerable members of our community. Public Counsel's programmatic areas include children's rights, community development, consumer law, early care and education, education rights, homelessness prevention, immigrants' rights, veteran's advocacy, and women and girls' rights. Public Counsel has a full-time staff of over 120.

Since its establishment in 1987, Public Counsel's Homelessness Prevention Law Project (HPLP) has evolved to address and alleviate the causes of homelessness in ever more comprehensive ways. The project serves as a vehicle through which summer associates, law students, attorneys and other volunteers provide individuals who are homeless or at high risk of becoming homeless with legal assistance to help them overcome the barriers preventing them from returning to normalcy and attaining a dignified and hopeful future.

JOB SUMMARY

The Directing Attorney is responsible for overseeing all aspects of HPLP, including supervising 9 staff attorneys, 4 paralegals and 2 administrative assistants; engaging in policy advocacy on the causes of and solutions for homelessness, and on government responses to homelessness; identifying, working on and overseeing litigation to address causes of homelessness and factors that exacerbate the challenges homeless persons face; managing and supervising the operation of legal clinics at social and homeless service centers and shelters; overseeing HPLP's extensive public benefits advocacy, eviction defense and tickets/warrants work (including work on behalf of homeless youth and individuals living with HIV/AIDS); coordinating with community partners and other projects at Public Counsel to address the causes and consequences of homelessness; and managing project budgets.

The Directing Attorney will work with the President/CEO and other firm leadership to determine the strategic direction of HPLP and oversee its implementation. This role provides an exciting opportunity for an individual who is passionate about alleviating homelessness and making a difference in the lives of individuals and the broader community.

ESSENTIAL JOB SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Member in good standing of the State Bar of California
- At least 10 years of practice preferred
- A commitment to economic and racial justice
- Expertise in housing or homelessness-related issues
- Strong interpersonal, management and organizational skills
- Ability and willingness to mentor and develop staff
- Ability to work productively with coalitions, working groups and volunteers
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Experience and comfort working with low-income, racially diverse clients
- Experience and comfort working with clients who are homeless or have HIV/AIDS, substance abuse challenges and/or mental health issues preferred
- Collaborative management style preferred
- Ability to read, write and speak fluently in Spanish is a plus

We encourage people of color, people with disabilities, LGBT people, and people from other historically excluded groups to apply.

START DATE AND COMPENSATION

This position is available immediately. This is a full-time, exempt position. Salary is commensurate with abilities and experience. Excellent benefits.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Continuous until position is filled.

TO APPLY

Please send a cover letter and resume (if by email, include "HPLP DA" in the subject line) to:

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No phone calls please.

Public Counsel is an Equal Opportunity Employer

All qualified applicants shall receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, ethnic group identification, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, political affiliation, condition of physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation, in accordance with requirements of Federal and State laws.

All qualified applicants with criminal histories will be considered in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Los Angeles Fair Chance Initiative for Hiring.