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# **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

## **STAFF ATTORNEY**

### **CENTER FOR VETERANS ADVANCEMENT**

#### **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 operates eight legal projects: Children’s Rights, Community Development, Consumer Rights, Homelessness Prevention, Immigrants’ Rights, Veterans’ Rights, the Audrey Irmes Project for Women & Girls’ Rights, and our impact litigation project, Opportunity Under Law. Public Counsel has a full-time staff of over 120. We seek to have a racially inclusive staff.

Created in 2009, Public Counsel’s Center for Veterans’ Advancement (CVA) is driven by the core principle of “upholding our nation’s promise to veterans and their families.” CVA provides legal services to help stabilize the living situation of veterans and their families, including representation of veterans and their families before state and federal courts and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). In addition to providing direct representation, the CVA works to effect systemic policy change on the local, state, and national levels, in order to help veterans and their caregivers overcome or escape homelessness, poverty, and loss of quality of life.

#### **JOB SUMMARY**

The Staff Attorney will represent veterans and their caregivers seeking assistance to access benefits and services to which they are entitled, and will also represent veterans in other matters such as tickets, warrants, expungements, and other legal issues encountered by veterans. The Staff Attorney will also assist with outreach and education to veterans, their caregivers and the organizations that serve them, and will participate in policy efforts from time to time on issues of importance to veterans.

#### **ESSENTIAL JOB SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED**

- Member in good standing of the State Bar of California;
- Accreditation to practice before the VA;
- At least 3 years of experience with legal issues facing veterans, including VA benefits, preferred;
- A commitment to economic and racial justice;

- Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Comfort working with low-income, racially diverse clients and veterans who may be affected by physical or emotional trauma related to their service;
- Ability to travel to remote locations throughout Los Angeles County as needed for veterans clinics, stand-downs and hearings;
- Strong interpersonal and organizational skills;
- Ability to work productively with coalitions, working groups and volunteers.

## **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 the words "CVA Staff Attorney" in the subject line) to:

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*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.*