



610 S. Ardmore Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90005, Tel: (213) 385-2977, Fax: (213) 385-9089, Website: www.publiccounsel.org

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Education Rights Attorney Children's Rights 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 operates eight legal projects: Children's Rights, Community Development, Consumer Rights, Homelessness Prevention, Immigrants' Rights, Veterans' Rights, the Audrey Irmas 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.

Education attorneys in the Children's Rights project represent children and youth and their parents/Education Rights Holders in obtaining appropriate services and preventing or mitigating the outcomes of school discipline proceedings. Our focus areas include:

- Advocating for students with disabilities at IEP meetings with school districts;
- Representing parents of students with disabilities in all stages of a due process administrative proceeding including: drafting complaints, attending resolution sessions and/or mediation and preparing and conducting the administrative hearing;
- Representing students in expulsion proceedings;
- Participating in community trainings;
- Participating in interagency workgroups to advocate for systemic change; and
- Working with our Statewide Education Rights Project to coordinate policy and legislative efforts.

JOB SUMMARY

Public Counsel is currently seeking an entry-level education rights attorney in our Children's Rights Project. Applicant must have a strong interest in representing families in both special education and school discipline advocacy, in social justice issues, and in working with low-income communities. Some travel is required.

ESSENTIAL JOB SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

- Juris Doctor degree and California bar admission
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Spanish language proficiency strongly preferred
- Creative problem-solving skills
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work well with teams
- Preference for candidates who have an understanding of California's education, dependency, and juvenile justice systems.
- A commitment to economic and racial justice
- Comfort working with low-income, racially diverse clients.

START DATE AND COMPENSATION

This position is available immediately. The Children's Rights Project – Education Rights Staff Attorney 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 to:

Mayra Lira, Supervising Attorney

Children's Rights Project

Public Counsel

610 South Ardmore Avenue

Los Angeles, California 90005

Fax: (213) 201-4723

Email: edu@publiccounsel.org

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, gender identity 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.