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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

SUPERVISING ATTORNEY TRANSITION AGE YOUTH (TAY) UNIT OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS PROJECT (CRP)

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.

Public Counsel's Transition Age Youth (TAY) Project is an interdisciplinary team of lawyers and social workers who provide legal services to disconnected youth ages 13 to 24. The TAY Project has a specific focus on serving youth who are current or former foster/probation youth with the aim of removing legal barriers to a successful transition to adulthood and reconnecting youth to education and employment opportunities and to services and resources to help them succeed. The substantive areas in which the TAY Project practices include, but are not limited to, education law, sealing and expunging records, removal of traffic tickets and warrants, name and gender change petitions, emancipation, rights of expecting and parenting youth, housing access, and access to government benefits and health care.

JOB SUMMARY

The TAY Supervising Staff Attorney directly represents clients in all of the substantive areas listed above and guides the work of the TAY team of six (6) staff, including attorneys, social workers, and administrative staff. In addition, the TAY Supervising Staff Attorney will:

- Provide meaningful and regular supervision of all work done by the TAY team.
- Advocate for systemic change related to disconnected youth by representing Public Counsel in key county and statewide workgroups, reviewing and drafting policies through legislative and local administrative processes, and building coalitions with other community partners.
- Identify, research, and develop legal issues appropriate for impact litigation related to disconnected youth.
- Recruit, train and provide technical support to *pro bono* attorneys and volunteers.

- Provide outreach, training, and technical assistance to community-based partner organizations serving youth.
- Work with Directing Attorney to oversee fulfillment of grant deliverables and to assist in the drafting of grant proposals and reports.

ESSENTIAL JOB SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

- Juris Doctor degree and a member in good standing of the California Bar;
- At least 5 years of relevant experience;
- Experience working with or managing a multi-disciplinary team;
- Experience in leading or managing team projects;
- Knowledge of the legal issues affecting youth populations, especially education law;
- Experience and/or desire to work with youth, including high-school aged youth and/or foster youth using trauma-informed legal advocacy: empathy, responsive listening, restraint from judgment, and demonstration of authentic care and concern;
- Experience in working with large systems such as child welfare agencies or school districts in developing policies and procedures and engaging in systemic reform efforts;
- Commitment to aid in the professional development and success of junior staff;
- Strong interpersonal skills and an ability to work collaboratively with others in a team environment;
- Commitment to economic and racial justice;
- Experience and/or desire to work with low-income, racially diverse clients.

START DATE AND COMPENSATION

This position is available immediately. The TAY Supervising 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:
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No phone calls please.

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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.