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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Staff Attorney Opportunity Under Law

Public Counsel's Opportunity Under Law project (OUL) is hiring one or two Staff Attorneys to work alongside the team of attorneys and organizers currently in the Project. This is an exempt position.

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 130. We seek to have a racially inclusive staff.

Public Counsel's Opportunity Under Law (OUL) was formed in 2014 to build on Public Counsel's longstanding economic justice and impact litigation practice. Public Counsel's Opportunity Under Law combats economic injustice in all its forms through strategic campaigns combining litigation, communications, and community outreach. The cases this project initiates will affect large groups of people within California and nationwide. Current areas of focus include homelessness, education rights, immigration rights, criminalization of poverty, and low-wage workers' rights. For more information, visit http://www.publiccounsel.org/practice_areas/opportunity_under_law.

JOB SUMMARY

The available OUL Staff Attorney positions are for an early- or mid-career attorney to join the OUL team in litigating complex federal and state impact cases to promote civil rights and economic justice. The Staff Attorney will be responsible for working on existing cases and developing new impact litigation opportunities in collaboration with the Director of OUL, Project staff, staff in Public Counsel's other projects, and volunteer attorneys.

JOB SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

- Juris Doctor degree and a member in good standing of the California Bar;
- Demonstrated ability to litigate independently and under pressure, preferably in a civil rights or public interest context;
- Demonstrated commitment to economic and racial justice;
- Competence in and dedication to working with people of diverse cultural, geographic, and economic backgrounds including individuals who are low-income and racially diverse ;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Three to five years of litigation experience (including clerkships and fellowships) strongly preferred
- Spanish-language proficiency desirable

START DATE AND COMPENSATION

This position is open until filled. The OUL Staff Attorney is a full-time, exempt position. Salary is commensurate with abilities and experience. Excellent benefits.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

August 30, 2019

TO APPLY

Please send a cover letter and resume 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, 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.