LEGAL SERVICES
of
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

VOLUNTEER POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
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2018 Summer AmeriCorps JD Member
Veterans Legal Corps – AmeriCorps JD Program
Sacramento Office

POSITION: AmeriCorps JD Member (1L or 2L law students)

TO APPLY: You must apply to Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC) and to the AmeriCorps JD program.

For LSNC, please send a cover letter and résumé to probono@lsnc.net with the subject line 2018 AmeriCorps JD Program, or to:

> Jenni Gomez
> Pro Bono Coordinator
> Legal Services of Northern California
> 517 12th Street
> Sacramento, CA 95814

For the AmeriCorps JD Program, please visit the Student Application Manager at http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/americorpsjd

APPLICATION
DEADLINE: January 26, 2018

START AND
END DATES: May 29, 2018 – August 3, 2018

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Founded in 1956, Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC) provides high quality civil legal assistance to the poor, seniors, and people with disabilities in 23 northern California counties.

POSITION SUMMARY:

AmeriCorps JD members will improve the lives of low-income and homeless veterans by providing legal assistance that ultimately leads to higher incomes, better health, safer and more secure housing, and family stability. AmeriCorps JD members will serve in other areas of civil legal aid, which may involve veterans but will be more broadly focused.

LSNC Health:
515 12th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
P: 916.551.2150
F: 916.551.2196
www.health.lsnc.net

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RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under supervision of attorneys, the AmeriCorps JD member may: participate in client intake interviews, factual investigation, legal research, discovery, preparation of legal documents, negotiation, administrative advocacy and support for trial and appellate litigation in both State and Federal Courts; appear at administrative hearings; provide legal advice to individual clients; and provide general legal information and education to eligible community groups as well as to the public in general.

The AmeriCorps JD member will participate in: (1) AmeriCorps training and national service events as required and requested by the state service commission; (2) orientation and training; (3) substantive veterans' legal issue training as provided by Equal Justice Works. The AmeriCorps JD member will also assist AmeriCorps members and staff in programming and activities, and train and assist volunteers when appropriate.

Requirements to volunteer through AmeriCorps include completion of National Sex Offender Public Registry check, state criminal background check(s), FBI Fingerprint criminal background check, and submission of proof of U.S. citizenship or legal permanent residency.

QUALIFICATIONS:

a. Interest in and demonstrated ability to work with low income individuals and communities, veterans, people with disabilities, older people, people with limited English proficiency and other client communities; ability to empathize with individual clients and client communities.
b. Skills: client interviewing, investigation, legal research, analytical reasoning ability, creativity, excellent English writing skills, negotiation, communication/listening skills, ability to work under stress and short time lines and the ability to do computer research and input data into an online case management system.
c. Language: An ability to relate to the client community being served; bilingual in a language spoken by client communities preferred, but not required.
d. Willingness to commit to a minimum of 300 hours working at LSNC's Sacramento office by August 3, 2018.

BENEFITS:

AmeriCorps JD members who successfully complete program requirements will receive a **$1,230** Segal AmeriCorps Education Award to be used for educational expenses or federal student loans.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:

Currently enrolled in a law school accredited by the State Bar of California. Experience working with low-income people preferred; experience with community outreach preferred.

LSNC IS AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER AND ENCOURAGES VETERANS, WOMEN, PEOPLE OF COLOR, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, OLDER PEOPLE, AND LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE TO APPLY.