LEGAL SERVICES of NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Board of Directors - Member with Financial Expertise

Legal Services of Northern California seeks applicants with financial expertise and a desire to promote legal services for low income people and other vulnerable community members for a position on its Board of Directors.

Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC), celebrating its 70th year in 2026, is the non-profit civil legal aid provider for 23 northern California counties. From eight field offices, LSNC provides civil legal advice and assistance at no cost to low income people, older adults and people with disabilities in the primary practices areas of housing, health, government benefits and civil rights. LSNC also operates several special projects, including the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Project (HICAP) and the Western States Pension Assistance Project, which serves four states. LSNC serves the counties of Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Tehama, Trinity and Yolo.

LSNC provides vital civil legal services to more than ten thousand clients per year, while also engaging in complex, sophisticated advocacy—through litigation, legislation, administrative advocacy, and community development work—which has a significant positive impact for our entire client community in the areas of affordable housing, public benefits, health, education, and civil rights. LSNC engages the broader legal community to facilitate pro bono assistance through legal clinics, in-house and virtual volunteer opportunities.

LSNC is supported by a broad variety of funding sources, including a grant from the federal Legal Services Corporation, IOLTA and Equal Access funding administered by the State Bar of California, several other state and federal contracts, including from several Area Agencies on Aging throughout the service area. LSNC undergoes a single audit each year, as a recipient of federal funds. LSNC's total annual budget exceeds $20 million.

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of Legal Services of Northern California is to provide quality legal services that empower the poor to identify and defeat the causes and effects of poverty within their communities, efficiently utilizing all available resources.

IDEAL CANDIDATE: In accordance with new guidelines from the federal Legal Services Corporation, LSNC seeks a Board member with special financial knowledge and expertise, preferably a certified public accountant. Specifically, the member must have:

- An understanding of GAAP and financial statements
- Ability to apply GAAP in connection with preparing and auditing financial statements
- Familiarity with developing and implementing internal financial controls and procedures
- Capacity to understand the implications of different interpretations of accounting rules.

The ideal candidate will support the mission and vision of LSNC, and will seek Board service to help LSNC ensure responsible stewardship of organizational funds and careful oversight of compliance with various funder requirements. Experience with non-profit accounting and investment strategy is strongly preferred.

WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER JOINING THIS BOARD: LSNC's Board is composed of a committed group of attorneys, including former legal aid attorneys, client eligible members and other individuals committed to ensuring the availability of civil legal services in northern California. The Board meets virtually five times per year and its meetings last approximately one hour. Joining the LSNC Board will provide the opportunity to use your special knowledge and experience to help ensure the fiscal and structural stability of a non-profit organization serving some of the most vulnerable members of the community. Members serve for 3-year terms and may be reappointed up to an additional 3-year term. Officers may serve longer than two consecutive terms. Board members serve on a volunteer basis and do not receive compensation.

FUNDRAISING/FINANCIAL COMMITMENT: LSNC encourages its Board members to express their commitment to the organization with an annual donation of any amount. Board members are also encouraged to share information about LSNC and charitable giving opportunities with others, but fundraising is not a requirement of Board service.

TO APPLY: Submit a résumé and letter describing the reason for your interest in serving on the Board and your reason for supporting the mission of LSNC to Julie Aguilar Rogado, Executive Director, jaguilar@lsnc.net