

# JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

# Staff Attorney

Mother Lode Regional Office

POSITION: Entry Level Staff Attorney (Law Graduate or Attorney with 1 - 3 years of

experience)

TO APPLY: Send résumé, writing sample, and three references with telephone numbers to:

Herb Whitaker

Legal Services of Northern CA

190 Reamer Street Auburn, CA 95603

**APPLICATION** 

**DEADLINE:** August 15, 2018

START DATE: To Be Determined

# 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.

# **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Under supervision of the Managing Attorney, will participate in all aspects of litigation including, but not limited to: client interviews, factual investigation, legal research, discovery, preparation of legal documents, negotiations, trials, and appellate work in both state and federal Courts; appear at administrative hearings; provide legal advice to individual clients, and general legal information to eligible community groups as well as to the public in general, which may involve travel to outlying counties.

# **QUALIFICATIONS CRITERIA:**

a. Knowledge of the principles and procedures of litigation in state and federal courts, administrative agencies and hearing rights; substantive areas of law relevant to program/office case priorities; principles of community development and establishment of working relationships; the theories of changes in the law and how to implement strategies for developing changes; principles and procedures of legislative advocacy; the importance of written reports to management; computer research methods.





- b. Skills would include client interviewing, investigation, legal research, analytical reasoning ability, creativity, excellent English writing skills, negotiation, trial skills, appellate writing and oral argument, communication/listening skills, ability to work under stress and short time lines, ability to work with/for poor people, empathize with the client community, particularly older adults and people with disabilities, and the ability to do computer research.
- c. Language: An ability to relate to the client community being served; bilingual in English and a language commonly spoken by client communities preferred, but not required.

# **EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:**

J.D. and a member of the California Bar or willing and qualified to take the next bar exam. This is an entry-level position or higher - law graduate or attorney with one (1) to three (3) years of experience working with low-income people preferred; experience with community outreach and education preferred; Spanish-speaking ability preferred, but not required.

**SALARY RANGE:** \$3,675-4,375 DOE.

**BENEFITS:** Legal Services of Northern California offers an excellent fringe benefit plan.

**PROBATIONARY** 

**PERIOD:** 12 months

LSNC PROVIDES A BILINGUAL BONUS FOR EMPLOYEES WHO SPEAK A SECOND LANGUAGE, OTHER THAN ENGLISH, COMMONLY SPOKEN BY CLIENTS WHEN THE SECOND LANGUAGE IS USED ON THE JOB FOR WHICH THE PERSON IS EMPLOYED.

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