



Neighborhood Legal Services  
of Los Angeles County

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## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: STAFF ATTORNEY**

April 2017

Join the Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA) and become part of an energetic team of advocates that provides a wide-range of legal services aimed to address issues that disproportionately impact the poor. These services include litigation, providing training and technical assistance, and community education.

NLSLA is seeking a Staff Attorney for its Pacoima or El Monte office. The ideal candidate will be a skillful attorney who can excel in a fast-paced, dynamic anti-poverty law practice and is capable of fiercely advocating on behalf of NLSLA clients in multiple forums. The candidate must have a demonstrated passion and commitment to public interest law and prior experience serving low-income individuals and client groups, with a sensitivity to those in crisis. The ideal candidate must possess strong research and organizational skills; the ability to effectively communicate verbally and in writing; and well-developed analytical skills. Of critical importance is that the candidate be self-motivated with the ability to work independently. Bilingual proficiency in Spanish or Mandarin is required.

**Position:** Staff Attorney

**Availability:** Open Immediately. Home office: Pacoima or El Monte, CA

**Compensation:** Salary \$54,165 - Commensurate with experience. Excellent Benefits which include: choice of medical, dental, vision; life and disability insurance plans; 125 plan; 403(b) with employer contribution, loan reimbursement, bilingual pay supplement, sick and vacation pay, and 13 employer-paid holidays.

**Duties and Responsibilities:** The Staff Attorney is expected to focus on housing advocacy including: pursue all aspects of housing and/or consumer-related civil litigation and administrative hearing representation; participate in high-impact projects involving systemic or policy issues affecting low-income individuals and families; maintain expertise on a range of housing and consumer issues affecting low-income individuals; provide outreach and education to tenant and community groups; and assist with some training and supervision of housing/consumer hotline staff. Advocacy may include litigation and/or policy work in substantive legal areas other than housing/consumer law as needed, depending upon skills to be acquired, client needs and NLS program priorities. The staff attorney will also be an advocate at NLSLA's innovative and nationally recognized flagship Medical Legal Community Partnership (MLCP) program at St. John's Well Child and Family Health Centers in South Los Angeles and at the Northeastern Valley Health Corporation Sun Valley Health Center. MLCP require advocates who can work effectively with medical personnel and in a medical environment to address the social determinants of health.



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**Minimum  
Qualifications:**

Must be licensed and eligible to practice law in California with three or more years of experience in public interest law as well as experience working with low-income organizations and client groups. Background in housing law or consumer law and experience preferred. Bilingual proficiency in Spanish or Mandarin is required.

**About NLSLA:**

NLSLA is one of Los Angeles County's leading public interest law offices and has been the primary legal aid program serving the cities of Burbank and Glendale and the San Fernando and Antelope Valleys for more than 50 years and the city of Pasadena and San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys since 2001.

The NLSLA staff of 100+, including 45 lawyers, provides legal assistance to low-income individuals, families and groups in the areas of family law and domestic violence, housing, health care, education, public benefits, economic and job development, immigrant rights, consumer rights and environmental justice. The NLSLA headquarters is located in Glendale, CA with branch offices in Pacoima, and El Monte.

Through a combination of individual representation, high impact litigation and public policy advocacy, NLSLA combats the immediate and long-lasting effects of poverty and expands access to health, opportunity and justice in Los Angeles' diverse neighborhoods. Founded in response to the nation's War on Poverty, each year NLSLA provides free assistance to more than 80,000 individuals and families through innovative projects that address the most critical needs of impoverished communities.

**To apply:**

**Applicants should send a cover letter, resume and a writing sample to:**

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**NLSLA is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from minorities, females, people with disabilities and veterans.**