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PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTER—Staff attorney position available

The Public Interest Law Center is a nationally renowned public interest law firm with a mission of using high-impact legal strategies to advance the civil, social, and economic rights of communities in the Philadelphia region facing discrimination, inequality, and poverty. We combine targeted litigation, legal advice, community education, advocacy, and organizing to secure people's access to fundamental resources and services, including a high-quality education, health care, housing and community services, employment, a healthy neighborhood and the unencumbered right to vote.

The Public Interest Law Center is seeking applications for a staff attorney to work on the Law Center's major litigation initiatives with a particular focus on special education, Medicaid, and other matters pertaining to people with disabilities. In this work, the Law Center aims to ensure that all students, regardless of zip code, race, ethnicity, language or abilities, have access to a high-quality public education, and to improve health in low-income communities by addressing systemic barriers to healthcare and public health threats.

The Staff Attorney will be responsible for all aspects of such litigation including developing legal theories, factual investigation, research, discovery, trial, appeals, and enforcement. The Staff Attorney is expected to stay informed about the challenges facing the diverse communities in which we work and to identify high-impact litigation solutions where appropriate.

The Staff Attorney also will be responsible for developing and implementing a wide range of additional strategies that complement litigation to achieve clients' goals. Such strategies include building and participating in partnerships and coalitions, community education, advocacy, and technical support.

The candidate should have at least three to five years' experience practicing law, and preference will be given to candidates with experience in special education, healthcare and in particular Medicaid, and/or disability law. The Law Center will consider applicants with less than three to five years' practice experience if the candidate has a demonstrated and strong record of successful judicial clerkships, legal internships, or other legal work that has provided them with the experience and qualities listed here for ideal candidates. While none of the following qualities is by itself a requirement, the ideal candidates will demonstrate:

- excellent analytical abilities, well-developed legal research and technical skills;
- demonstrated excellence in written work, including legal briefs and non-legal publications;

- litigation or other dispute resolution experience;
- experience in developing litigation or legal strategies;
- initiative, creativity, and an entrepreneurial approach to new cases and strategies;
- strong organization skills, sound workload management, persistence, and excellent follow-up skills;
- experience working with clients from diverse backgrounds including people experiencing poverty, individuals with disabilities, individuals with limited English proficiency, and persons with criminal histories;
- collaborative skills and capacity for teamwork with colleagues and clients; and
- enthusiasm for our mission as well as a commitment to racial justice work.

The position is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Law Center offers a competitive compensation and benefits package, which includes generous PTO and paid parental leave. The salary will be commensurate with years of experience. The Staff Attorney will report to the Legal Director.

Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The Public Interest Law Center is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to ensuring a workforce that embraces and embodies the values of inclusion, belonging, cultural humility and mutual respect. We are eager to receive applications from people of all diverse backgrounds including, but not limited to, people of color, people with disabilities, people who have experienced poverty or homelessness, and members of the LGBTQ+ community. The Law Center invites all applicants to include in their letter of interest a statement about how your unique background and/or experiences might contribute to the diversity, cultural vitality, and perspective of our organization and legal practice.

The Law Center is committed to protecting the safety of children with which it comes in contact.

How to Apply

To apply, email a resume, a letter of interest that describes your relevant experience and why you would be a good fit for this position at the Law Center, a short legal writing sample of ten pages or less, and contact information for at least three professional references to:

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Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Priority will be given to applicants who apply by April 5, 2021.

For more information: <https://www.pubintl.org/work-with-us/>

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