



PROVIDING ACCESS TO JUSTICE
FOR ORANGE COUNTY'S LOW INCOME RESIDENTS

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position	Full-time Staff Attorney – Consumer Law Unit & Federal Court Self-Help Clinics
Organization Description	<p>The Public Law Center (PLC)'s Consumer Law Unit is seeking an energetic, passionate advocate to join our team in fighting for justice for low-income consumers and self-represented litigants in Orange County through innovative, collaborative, community-centered lawyering to address inequities and pursue economic justice.</p> <p>PLC's Consumer Law Unit provides high quality direct legal representation, in addition to coordinating and supervising pro bono representation in the following areas: debt collection defense, student loans, identity theft, bankruptcy, predatory lending, and home equity scams. The Unit conducts courthouse based legal clinics (virtually during the pandemic) in the U.S. District and Bankruptcy Courts. The Consumer Unit also operates PLC's Elder Justice project, working with older adults in Orange County to prevent and recover from elder financial abuse.</p>
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active membership in the California State Bar/Bar Membership pending or eligibility to practice under State Bar Multijurisdictional Practice Program. • Bilingual English/Spanish or English/Vietnamese preferred. • 1-3 years experience in federal and/or bankruptcy court litigation preferred. • Excellent oral and written communication skills. • Strong public speaking skills and ability to communicate with a variety of audiences, including community members, volunteer attorneys, court staff, and judges. • Ability to manage multiple tasks, work independently and as part of a team. • Must have own transportation, valid CA Drivers license, insurance and good driving record; travel throughout Orange and neighboring counties may be necessary.
Duties and Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be primarily responsible for staffing and managing PLC's twice-weekly Federal Pro Se and Chapter 7 Bankruptcy federal courthouse-based clinics, and PLC's monthly Chapter 7 Reaffirmation clinic. • Handle cases on behalf of low-income clients, including federal court litigation such as social security disability appeals; Chapter 7 bankruptcy, debt collection defense, and other civil litigation. • Coordinate referrals to other PLC units to provide holistic legal services to low-income clients. • Oversee volunteer attorneys and law students through CLE training, technical support and general supervision at clinics and in casework. • Assist with periodic compilation of data related to grant funding. • Represent PLC at legal networking and community outreach events. • Full time position with occasional evening and weekend work required.
Salary & Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation dependent on experience; range of \$58,240 to \$70,000 • Competitive benefits provided
	<p>Please submit resume, cover letter and writing sample (10 pages or less) to Grace Landa at: glanda@publiclawcenter.org. Please no phone calls. APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open until filled The Public Law Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer.</p>