



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

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position	Full-time Staff Attorney – Consumer Law Unit
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 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 strongly preferred. • 0-5 years experience, knowledge of consumer law and/or civil litigation preferred. • Excellent oral and written communication skills. • Strong public speaking skills and ability to communicate with a variety of audiences, from community members to pro bono attorneys. • Ability to manage multiple tasks, and 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. • Must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 unless the applicant has a valid medical reason for not being fully vaccinated or a sincerely held religious belief preventing vaccination
Duties and Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handle a full caseload of cases on behalf of low-income primarily Latinx clients dealing with consumer law issues, including debt collection defense, bankruptcy, homeownership scams, elder abuse, and other civil litigation in both state and federal court proceedings. • Participate in and help coordinate legal clinics and workshops. • Coordinate referrals to other units to provide holistic legal services to low-income clients. • Participate in collaborative advocacy efforts in coalition with other legal service providers and community partners. • Conduct community education presentations to clients, partner agencies, and service providers. • Oversee volunteer attorneys and law students through training, technical support and general supervision. • Represent PLC at legal networking and community outreach events. • Full time position with occasional evening and weekend work required. • Other duties as assigned.
Salary & Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation dependent on experience; range of \$74,000 to \$80,000 • 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>