



CHIRLA

Coalition for Humane
Immigrant Rights

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Legal Fellow Position (3 Available)

SALARY: \$36,000- \$45,000 CHIRLA offers a competitive salary based on qualifications and an excellent benefit package, which includes generous time off benefits, 401K Plan, health, dental and vision plans

REPORTS TO: Director of Legal Services

TYPE: Regular

START: Immediately

LOCATIONS: Los Angeles Main Office

The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1986. CHIRLA is a California leader with national impact made of diverse immigrant families and individuals who act as agents of social change to achieve a world with freedom of mobility, full human rights, and true participatory democracy. CHIRLA organizes and serves individuals, institutions and coalitions to build power, transform public opinions, and change policies to achieve full human, civil and labor rights. Guided by power, love and vision of our community, CHIRLA embraces and drives progressive social change.

CHIRLA's Legal Services Department provides high quality legal services to low-income immigrant communities. The Department consists of four teams: Family Unity, Naturalization and Citizenship, Victims' Unit, and Removal Defense. The Staff Attorneys and DOJ Accredited Representatives screen potential clients for relief through our triage system, such as VAWA, U Visas, Family Petitions, SIJS, Asylum, and Naturalization. Representation also covers detainees in Adelanto, Musick, and Theo Lacy Immigration Detention Centers.

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Legal Fellow will assist CHIRLA Staff Attorneys and DOJ Accredited Representatives provide affirmative immigration services, prepare in the representation of clients in deportation proceedings, and pursue community-based systemic reform and advocacy aimed at reforming unforgiving federal immigration laws.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES:

- Manage and maintain a full Naturalization caseload including, but not limited to, legal research and client assistance;
- Assist the Supervising Attorney(s) in screening potential non-citizens for all potential and available immigration benefits, including citizenship, adjustment of status, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, and remedies for victims of trafficking and victims of crime;
- Assist the Supervising Attorney(s) on the daily delivery of legal services and case management;
- Assist with immigration clinics as needed including evenings and weekends;
- Prepare for DOJ accreditation;
- Collect client data for grant reporting purposes;
- Develop and maintain relationships with community partners including attending community meetings and engaging in outreach;
- Provide overall office support, as requested by Supervising Attorney(s);
- Other duties and responsibilities as necessary.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Spanish fluency is required as the job requires extensive legal counseling and representation in the Spanish language;
- Strong oral and written advocacy skills and excellent organizational skills as well as the ability to work and problem-solve under pressure;
- Demonstrated commitment to public service, immigration defense, as well as to working with clients from poor communities;
- Highly self-motivated, creative, takes initiative, ability to learn quickly, flexible and able to work as part of an interdisciplinary team of advocates;
- A high level of integrity and the ability to maintain confidentiality;
- Must be extremely organized and able to work under pressure and within tight deadlines. Must be able to work efficiently and manage multiple projects at once, which may be at different stages of design and execution;
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills;
- Ability to work effectively with a diverse community;
- Must be flexible to work evenings and Saturdays as needed;
- Support CHIRLA's fundraising goals including annual fundraising drive and GALA activities.

PREFERENCES:

- Bachelor's degree;
- General knowledge of immigration law;
- Prior experience filling out USCIS forms and applications;
- Prior experience providing assistance to clients who are victims of violence, including conducting client interviews.

LOCATION:

- Los Angeles Office: 2533 W. Third Street, Suite 101, Los Angeles, CA 90057

Accepting applications until positions are filled. Only those offered interviews will be contacted.

To apply, send resume and cover letter to; jobs@chirla.org

Subject line should read; **Legal Fellow**