



BAY AREA LEGAL AID

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Disability Rights Attorney Openings (Spanish preferred) Alameda County Regional Office

Bay Area Legal Aid (BayLegal) is currently accepting applications for a permanent Staff Attorney position as well as a temporary (6 months) Attorney position in our Alameda County Office, located in Oakland.

The Organization: BayLegal (www.baylegal.org.) is the largest legal services provider in the Bay Area, serving Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Mateo, San Francisco and Santa Clara counties. Our mission is to provide high quality legal assistance to clients, regardless of their location, language, or disability. We assist clients in housing, domestic violence (family law and immigration), access to healthcare, public benefits, and youth justice related matters.

Job Description: We seek energetic, culturally sensitive attorneys with a strong commitment to disability rights and social justice advocacy to represent individuals with mental and/or physical disabilities in their applications for SSI benefits. The permanent position targets parents or children who are receiving CalWORKs but who may be eligible for SSI or Social Security disability benefits. The temporary position assists individuals in their applications for SSI/Social Security and represents them through any appeals. Responsibilities will include client interviews, completing SSI applications and forms, gathering supporting medical and other evidence, negotiations with governmental agencies, research and writing, and representation at administrative hearings, before Appeals Counsel and in federal district court. The attorneys will, at times, also represent clients in CalWORKs, G.A., Medi-Cal, IHSS, and/or other public benefits/health related matters as they arise for their clients. S/he will also engage in policy work in areas that uniquely affect our clients' rights, participate in community collaborations, and engage in community outreach and education.

Qualifications: You must have a license to practice law in California, excellent communication, writing and analytical skills, familiarity with the SSI program, and experience with public benefits advocacy and administrative hearings or at a legal services practice. Strong preference will be given to those who have experience working with culturally diverse, low-income client populations and those who are bilingual in Spanish. Successful candidates will be self-directed and be comfortable working in a fast paced environment.

Salary: Compensation based upon experience, starting at \$46,000+. Bay Area Legal Aid provides a generous benefits package that includes (note: not all of these apply to temporary hires): medical and dental insurance; flexible spending accounts for transportation, medical and dependent care; bilingual stipend; loan repayment assistance; and paid holidays, vacation and sick leave.

Applications: Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position(s) are filled. Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Bay Area Legal Aid is an equal opportunity employer. **Please be sure to reference Alameda County Disability Rights Attorney in your application, and indicate if you are applying for the permanent or temporary position or both.** Please submit cover letter, resume, references and writing sample (preferably via email) to:

Bay Area Legal Aid, 1735 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, CA 94612. Fax: 510-663-4710. Emailed applications can be sent to applicantresume@baylegal.org.