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LAW FOUNDATION of SILICON VALLEY JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

FAIR HOUSING LAW PROJECT

Staff Attorney

Spanish-speaking preferred)

Program Description

The Fair Housing Law Project (FHLP) is one of five programs of the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley. FHLP provides free legal services to individuals who experience illegal discrimination in acquiring or maintaining housing. FHLP currently has 20 cases in active litigation. FHLP staff consists of five attorneys and two legal assistant/outreach coordinators. The Law Foundation offers a fun and dynamic working environment.

Job Duties

The Staff Attorney will divide time between fair housing (1/3) and predatory lending (2/3) cases. The attorney will provide legal representation, including litigation, to individuals who have been discriminated against in housing (including lending); providing community education on fair housing and predatory lending issues; producing educational materials on fair housing and lending issues; conducting legal screenings for potential predatory lending victims; assisting the client population in system reform efforts concerning discrimination in housing and lending; and coordinating with the work of the other FHLP attorneys and legal assistants and pro bono firm co-counsel.

Other duties include supervising interns, providing technical assistance to Law Foundation staff, participating in general office upkeep duties, keeping statistics, writing contract reports, and maintaining positive working relationships with community partners, co-counsel, and local and statewide coalitions. **Position to start immediately.**

Desired Qualifications

- Bilingual Spanish speaker – preferred
- Demonstrated commitment to civil rights, particularly in housing
- Knowledge of home mortgage processes and laws
- One to five years experience in the practice of law, preferably in the area of civil litigation
- Member of the State Bar of California – required
- Ability to identify, investigate, and resolve client problems

- Ability to work productively with individuals from diverse backgrounds
- Excellent public speaking, interpersonal, and writing skills

Salary: \$45,709-\$50,396 DOE and excellent benefits: health care, dental, 401(k) with 4% match after first year, long-term disability, generous vacation and holidays, parking, union membership.

Applications

Send a letter explaining your interest and experience, your resume, three references, and a writing sample (no more than 10 pages) to:

Kerstin Arusha, Directing Attorney
Fair Housing Law Project
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Apply by mail or fax. No emails please.