

Law Firm Attorney Sabbatical Program

San Francisco

Disability Income Social Security Advocacy Project – San Francisco

Description and Responsibilities: SSI and SSDI Social Security benefits are for people who are unable to maintain employment due to physical and or mental impairments and who have limited income and resources. Attorneys will have the opportunity to build a case from the ground-up by conducting initial interviews, preparing clients for hearing, writing briefs, and, time allowing, providing full representation to clients at an administrative hearing. Along with direct client representation, the position potentially involves participation in impact litigation, individual District Court appeals, and community outreach and education. Our clients include immigrants, juveniles, seniors and survivors of domestic violence.

Qualifications: Applicants who have an expressed interest or experience working with individuals with mental and/or physical disabilities will be preferred. Bar license not required.

Location: San Francisco, CA

Health and Social Services Advocacy and Civil Rights Enforcement

Description and Responsibilities: The attorney would focus on county social service and health budget issues and civil rights enforcement issues within San Francisco's public social service programs. The current county budget is eliminating funding in Dept of Human Services for positions which had been responsible for civil rights enforcement.

Responsibilities: Under the supervision of San Francisco county Managing attorney and with the Staff Health Access and Public Social Services Attorneys:

- Play a lead role in analyzing state and county public health and social services budget documents and identifying the impact of proposed funding reductions on services for BayLegal client communities;
- Assist with developing and implementing strategies to (1) inform decision makers and client communities about the effects of reduced funding for public health and social service programs and (2) maintain client communities' access to necessary public health and social services;
- Assist with representation of BayLegal clients with problems accessing needed public health and social services, including problems related to civil rights enforcement (conduct client interviews, negotiate with relevant county and state agencies on behalf of clients, represent clients in administrative hearings; assist with new and on-going litigation.)

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Immigration Advocacy for Immigrant Victims of Crime and Violence

VAWA Self-Petitions and U Visa Non-Immigrant Petitions are means to immigration relief for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault or Other Violent Crimes who are either immediate family members of abusive US Citizens or Legal Permanent Residents OR who cooperate with law enforcement in the investigation and/or prosecution of the crimes perpetrated against them. U Visa Nonimmigrant Status is intended to protect and encourage victims of serious crime to come forward, to report crimes and to cooperate with law enforcement without fear of deportation, to reduce crime in immigrant communities.

Responsibilities: Receive training and perform following responsibilities under supervision of BayLegal's Regional Immigration Coordinator:

- Represent clients in VAWA, U Visa and I-751 cases: Conduct interview clients and witnesses; elicit facts related to the abuse suffered and help prepare client's declaration; collect evidence; prepare immigration forms; and accompany clients to interviews at the immigration office.
- Assist with related Family Law matters: restraining orders, divorce, custody, support

Qualifications: Bilingual in Spanish. Prior experience working with immigrant communities and working on VAWA and/or U Visa cases preferred. State Bar license (CA state not required, but preferred)

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