

Law Firm Attorney Sabbatical Program

Alameda County – Oakland

Youth Justice – Alameda County

BayLegal's Youth Justice Project (YJP) is an innovative project in Alameda County providing comprehensive advocacy to poor youth with disabilities and mental health needs. The YJP provides a range of legal representation and assistance with a specific focus on ensuring access to essential public benefits, special education services, housing, and health care services. Primarily, the project focuses on children in, previously in, or at risk of foster care or delinquency who have been denied or have not been informed about important benefits and services for which they are entitled. BayLegal is the only agency providing this legal assistance in the Bay Area. YJP's attorney works closely with other BayLegal staff to provide holistic services to the youth and his/her family in the full range of BayLegal's substantive areas.

Job Description: Under the supervision of Alameda county office Managing Attorney and Youth Justice Staff Attorney to assist with the following:

- Assist with conducting intake and needs/eligibility determination.
- Maintain a caseload representing foster care youth in obtaining a full range of
- Assisting with pro bono program - working with law firm and corporate counsel to coordinate pro bono attorney participation in client services and case placement

Qualifications:

- Interest and/or experience working with youth
- Organized and able to work in fast paced law firm environment.
- Bar license not required

Location: Oakland, CA (must be willing to travel throughout Bay Area)

Disability Income Social Security Advocacy Project – Alameda

Description and Responsibilities: SSI and SSDI Social Security benefits are for people who are unable to maintain employment due to physical and or mental impairment 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: Oakland, CA



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Legal Advice Line (LAL) - Oakland

Description: BayLegal's Legal Advice Line is the Bay Area's only regional legal advice hotline and the first of its kind in the Bay Area. This unique combination of advanced telephone, computer technology and dedicated multilingual poverty law attorneys serves a critical role in bridging the justice gap experienced by low-income Bay Area residents who are unable to afford legal counsel in civil legal matters. Each year, the LAL provides services to more than 13,000 callers. BayLegal first implemented the LAL in 2004 in order to further its mission of providing the same scope and quality of legal services to the more than 1.2 million Bay Area residents living in poverty regardless of the client's location, language or disability. Since its inception, 70,000 callers have received legal counsel and advice, effective referrals, or representation from one of our local staff attorneys.

Responsibilities: Under the supervision and mentorship of the LAL Managing Attorney:

- Through training gain expertise in one of BayLegal's substantive law priorities (DV Prevention – Family Law/Immigration; Health Access/Government Benefits; Housing);
- Interview clients to assess their legal issues, provide advice and counsel, provide referrals to legal and social resources and schedule for additional services by BayLegal staff attorneys when appropriate

Qualifications: Bar License not required. Fluency in Spanish or API language preferred

No Longer Accepting Applications - Position Filled as of May 1, 2009 - Domestic Violence Family Law – Alameda

Description of BayLegal's DV Prevention Practice: BayLegal provides a full range of legal assistance to DV survivors in family law matters, including dissolutions, custody, and child and spousal support. BayLegal provides representation in Superior Court and in some instances more limited services, such as assistance completing pro per pleadings. We strive to provide integrated services to DV survivors, and in that vein also address clients' legal needs in the areas of immigration, housing, economic security, disability rights, and health care.