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PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTER—Legal Director Position Available

The Public Interest Law Center seeks a Legal Director who will be responsible for supervising legal staff in all aspects of the organization’s legal work including litigation, advocacy, lobbying, organizing and participation in coalitions. This responsibility includes reviewing and developing, with staff potential new litigation or projects. It includes assisting lawyers in developing strategies, reviewing pleadings and other written documents, trial planning (including discovery), and securing staff training for any identified needs. Where needed for particular projects, the Litigation Director will be responsible for recruiting pro bono counsel and for supervision of pro bono associates as needed. The Litigation Director will maintain his/her own caseload of cases and will participate directly in advocacy, lobbying, organizing and coalition support.

The Litigation Director will report directly to the Executive Director and will be part of the executive team.

The candidate must have at least ten years’ litigation experience (including experience in developing new litigation and class action litigation) and must demonstrate the following qualities: 1) success in supervising lawyers and capacity for teamwork with colleagues and clients; 2) excellent oral, written and analytical skills; 3) initiative, energy, creativity; 4) enthusiasm about our mission; 5) excellent organization, persistence, and follow up skills; 6) experience in working with clients of diverse backgrounds including people experiencing poverty, individuals with disabilities, English Language Learners, individuals with Limited English Proficiency, and persons with criminal histories. Candidates who have experience in the types of matters handled by the Law Center are preferred; e.g., cases involving IDEA, ADA and other civil rights statutes (title VI,VII, Fair Housing, Voting Rights).

The Public Interest Law Center is a nationally-renowned public interest law firm with a mission of using high-impact legal strategies to improve the well-being and life prospects of the Philadelphia region’s most vulnerable populations by assuring that they have access to the resources and services that all of us need to lead our lives including a high-quality education, health care, housing and community services, employment, a healthy neighborhood and the unencumbered right to vote.

The position is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The salary and benefits are commensurate with experience.

The Public Interest Law Center is an equal opportunity employer and encourages diverse candidates to apply.

To apply, submit a letter of interest, which describes relevant litigation and supervisory experience, a resume with salary requirements and a list of at least three references by mail or email to:

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