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Job Openings

In this section of each E-Newsletter, the Commission provides some information about job opportunities and/or funding opportunities for attorneys interested in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Domestic Violence and Family Law Attorney, The Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center, (Washington, DC)

DLA Pipper Staff Attorney, Children's Law Center, (Washington, DC)

Domestic Violence and Family Law Attorney, The Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center

The Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the legal and civil rights of Asian Americans in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan community through direct services, education and advocacy. Within our direct legal services program, the APALRC concentrates primarily in the areas of employment, immigration, and domestic violence and family law.

The APALRC seeks to hire a full-time attorney to provide legal representation to victims of domestic violence in Montgomery County, Maryland. This position represents an expansion of the APALRC's current domestic violence program in Northern Virginia to Maryland.

Position Description:

- Provide Asian American victims of domestic violence with linguistically and culturally appropriate legal representation on immigration and family law issues;
- Ensure holistic services by working closely with local ethnic-based social service agencies;

- Conduct broader outreach to educate the Asian American community on their rights and resources available to them; and
- Expand the availability of pro bono attorneys through collaborations with the South Asian Bar Association and the Asian Pacific American Bar Associations of D.C. and Maryland.

Qualifications Sought:

- 2-3 years of experience in the practice of law, with a demonstrated commitment to domestic violence issues and/or public interest law.
- Consideration may be given to recent law school graduates who demonstrate exceptional initiative and leadership abilities.
- License to practice in Maryland, or eligibility for special authorization to practice under Rule 15 and willingness to seek admission to the Maryland Bar.
- Fluency in an Asian language, preferably Hindi, Urdu, Mandarin, Vietnamese or Korean.

Salary and Benefits: The annual salary will range from the mid-\$30's to low-\$40's, depending on experience. Health and dental insurance benefits are provided.

How to Apply: Submit a cover letter detailing your interest in the position, resume, law school transcript, brief writing sample, and two references. Materials can be sent to Marita Etcubañez, Director of Legal Services, by post or by email to marita@apalrc.org. No phone inquiries please.

New application deadline: July 31, 2006.

DLA Piper Staff Attorney, Children's Law Center (Washington, DC)

The Children's Law Center (CLC) (Washington, DC) is excited to announce a new position - the DLA Piper Staff Attorney - to begin October 16, 2006. CLC is grateful to the law firm of DLA Piper for establishing this position at CLC. The DLA Piper Staff Attorney will act as a guardian ad litem for teenagers and children in complex custody proceedings and will train and mentor pro bono attorneys. He or she will also represent caregivers in custody cases.

CLC provides free legal services to at-risk children, their families, and foster and kinship caregivers in the District of Columbia. The organization's focus is on children in the child welfare system and children with special education and health needs.

CLC is committed to providing high-quality representation. To achieve this goal, regardless of prior experience, new attorneys participate in an intensive training course before representing clients. CLC maintains reasonable caseloads and provides ongoing training opportunities for all attorneys.

CLC is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation or disability. Two years of related experience preferred. Applications should include a cover letter, current resume, legal writing sample and list of references. No phone calls. Applications should be submitted to:

DLA Piper Staff Attorney Selection Committee
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DLA Piper is an international law firm with 3,000 attorneys working in 58 offices in 22 countries. Committed to serving the community, the firm has been a generous long time partner of The Children's Law Center providing financial, pro bono and in-kind support. They have been an important part of CLC's growth and have made a difference in the lives of many of DC's at-risk children. We thank them for their commitment to our organization and the low-income children and families we serve.

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