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## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT STAFF ATTORNEY

**Reports to:** Director of Litigation

**Location:** Los Angeles, CA

**Date posted:** October 29, 2009

**Compensation:** Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. Generous benefits.

**Organization Profile:** Since 1967, Western Center on Law and Poverty (WCLP), a statewide legal services support center, has represented the interests of California's low-income population before the Legislature, the courts, and government agencies. Headquartered in Los Angeles, WCLP also has offices in Sacramento and the Bay area. Our twelve attorneys and advocates work to effect broad, systemic change in the areas of health care, affordable housing, and public benefits throughout the state. The Center fulfills its mission through impact litigation, legislative advocacy, administrative advocacy, and support and training of California's legal services advocates. For more information, please visit our website: [www.wclp.org](http://www.wclp.org).

**Position Summary:** WCLP is seeking an experienced advocate to work on public benefits program issues. The advocate will be housed in our Los Angeles office.

**Responsibilities:** The public benefits advocate will be primarily responsible for:

- 1) Prosecute class action and other impact cases in state and federal courts; provide litigation support to legal services advocates around the state.
- 2) Respond to requests for assistance from legal services advocates and community based organizations around the state, including research, technical assistance, and consultation.
- 3) Manage, and assist in the management of, substantive task force meetings in areas of expertise.
- 4) Prepare educational materials, including manuals, fact sheets, flyers, policy papers, as appropriate for dissemination to advocates around the state.
- 5) Assist in the delivery of training to legal services staff members.
- 6) Provide back-up support to our Sacramento-based policy advocates on budget and legislative advocacy in their areas of substantive expertise.
- 7) Engage in administrative and policy advocacy on poverty-related issues.

**Qualifications:** Knowledge of California and federal public benefits programs. At least three or four years experience litigating and/or advocating on public policy issues for clients. Experience in a legal services program desirable. Membership in the California State Bar required either at time of hiring or within six months.

**Application procedure:** Applications accepted until the position is filled. Please email cover letter, resume, two writing samples, and list of references to:

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**Western Center is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Applications from women, people of color, older workers, and individuals with disabilities are strongly encouraged.** 1