

# NATIONAL LAW CENTER ON HOMELESSNESS & POVERTY

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

<b>Position Title:</b> Senior Attorney	<b>Position Level:</b> 6+ years' experience preferred
<b>Department:</b> Law and Policy	<b>Reports to:</b> Legal Director

### **ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION:**

The National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty (the “Law Center”) is the only national legal advocacy organization dedicated solely to using the power of the law to end and prevent homelessness in the United States. Partnering with pro bono attorneys, we bring high impact litigation; lead and support national, state and local advocacy campaigns; and educate providers, advocates and the public. Our work creates homes and communities for people experiencing homelessness, improves access to housing for domestic violence survivors, secures education rights for children experiencing homelessness, and protects human rights and dignity by striking down laws that criminalize homelessness.

### **ABOUT THE POSITION:**

The Law Center is seeking a talented senior attorney to join our dynamic legal team. This position will play a leadership role in our Housing Not Handcuffs Campaign, using litigation, advocacy, and media strategies to challenging criminalization ordinances and promoting housing as a constructive alternative. This may involve supervising civil litigation in collaboration with local partners and pro bono counsel, working with civic leaders to develop constructive alternatives to criminalization, and advocating at local, state, and federal level for increased renters protections or the development of affordable housing, including through the use of vacant government properties. The position may also provide leadership on our work to ensure that homeless children and youth can attend school, protect housing rights for survivors of domestic violence, or utilize international human rights standards and mechanisms as complements to our advocacy strategies.

### **SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Working closely with the Legal Director, other Law Center attorneys and pro bono counsel, help develop and carry out federal and state litigation to enforce the legal rights of people experiencing homelessness.
- Working closely with the Legal Director, support federal, state and local legislative priorities to advance the rights of people experiencing homeless.
- Develop and update outreach and education materials and conduct trainings and presentations for a variety of audiences.
- Build and support a network of local level legal organizations to advance program priorities.
- Provide technical assistance to legal services lawyers, advocates, government officials, and individuals around the country.
- Help generate pro bono projects and work with pro bono counsel to carry them out.

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- Working with our development and communications team, assist with shaping grant requests and reports.
- Participate in hiring and supervising interns.
- Contribute to organization-wide planning and special projects.

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- J.D. required, with current DC bar membership or ability to waive in.
- At least six years demonstrated experience in civil or criminal litigation and/or legislative and administrative advocacy required.
- Excellent analytical research and writing skills, and strong oral communication skills.
- Ability to think strategically and creatively, and to take initiative.
- Ability to manage multiple tasks, set priorities, and carry out plans to achieve goals.
- Ability to work both independently and as part of a team, as required.
- Strong time management and planning skills.
- Commitment to ending homelessness and promoting economic justice.
- Willingness to and interest in working with a myriad of stakeholders, including *pro bono* law firms, legislators and staff, agency officials and staff, and a variety of advocates working to end homelessness and anti-poverty.
- Experience or interest in working in nonprofit advocacy organization.

## **SALARY AND BENEFITS:**

- Salary: Commensurate with experience.
- Benefits: Generous holiday and vacation leave; fully paid health insurance; disability insurance; 403(b) retirement plan; small, collegial team environment; many opportunities to use skills and grow professionally.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

Send cover letter, resume, and writing sample to [HR@nlchp.org](mailto:HR@nlchp.org) with “Senior Attorney/[Your Name]” in the subject line. No phone calls, please.

The Law Center is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. Racial, ethnic, religious, and sexual minorities, persons with disabilities, and persons with lived experiences of homelessness or poverty are encouraged to apply

## **APPLICATIONS DEADLINE:**

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until filled.