



PROVIDING ACCESS TO JUSTICE
FOR ORANGE COUNTY'S LOW INCOME RESIDENTS

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position	Full-time Staff Attorney –Operation Veterans Re-Entry
	<p>The Public Law Center (PLC)'s Operation Veterans Re-Entry is seeking an energetic, passionate advocate to join our team in fighting for justice for Orange County's veterans and military families through innovative, collaborative, community-centered lawyering.</p> <p>PLC's Operation Veterans Re-Entry provides compassionate direct legal representation, in addition to coordinating and supervising pro bono representation in the following areas: veterans' benefits, discharge upgrades, other government benefits, landlord/tenant disputes, disability discrimination, re-entry issues, predatory lending, and other legal issues that impact low-income veterans and military families in and near Orange County.</p>
Organization Description	<p>PLC, Orange County's <i>pro bono</i> law firm, works to increase access to justice and provide a voice to the county's most vulnerable low-income communities. Now in its 39th year of service, PLC provides free civil legal services through in-house staff attorneys and a vibrant pro bono network of 1,500 volunteer lawyers, paralegals and law students from throughout the county. PLC serves the community by providing counseling, individual representation, community education, and strategic litigation and advocacy in the areas of consumer law, immigration, housing and homelessness prevention, family law, health benefits, veterans' benefits, and community-based nonprofit organizations and small businesses.</p>
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active membership in the California State Bar • 1-3 years experience in veterans law preferred • Demonstrated commitment to working with low-income communities • Excellent oral/written communication skills • Strong public speaking skills and ability to communicate with a variety of audiences, from community members to pro bono attorneys • Ability to manage multiple tasks, work independently and as part of a team • Must have own transportation, valid CA Drivers license, insurance and good driving record; travel throughout Orange and neighboring counties may be necessary

Duties and Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handle a full caseload of cases on behalf of veterans and military families, including veterans benefits, discharge upgrades, dismissals, disability discrimination, landlord/tenant disputes and other legal matters • Coordinate referrals to other PLC units as needed to provide holistic legal services to veterans and military families • Participate in collaborative advocacy efforts in coalition with other legal service providers and community partners • Conduct community education presentations to clients, partner agencies, and service providers • Oversee volunteer attorneys and law students through training, technical support and general supervision • Participate in and help to coordinate legal clinics and workshops • Assist with periodic compilation of data related to grant funding • Represent PLC at legal networking and community outreach events • Full time position with occasional evening and weekend work required
Salary & Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation dependent on experience; range of \$53,000 to \$70,000 • Competitive benefits provided.
	<p>Please submit resume, cover letter and writing sample (10 pages or less) to Grace Landa at: glanda@publiclawcenter.org. Please no phone calls.</p> <p>APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open until filled</p> <p>The Public Law Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer.</p>