

Western State's Immigration and Deportation Defense Clinic is seeking applicants for a staff attorney/fellow position within its Legal Empowerment Project, an initiative dedicated to supporting self-represented immigrants and families in removal proceedings, particularly in Orange County. The staff attorney/fellow will be housed within the law school's clinical program and will lead a training and technical assistance initiative for self-represented immigrants and the community organizations that serve them.

### **Clinic Staff Attorney/Fellow Position**

The staff attorney/fellow will report to the Clinic Director. The position's responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Provide limited-scope representation to pro se litigants in removal proceedings,
- Provide technical assistance to layperson legal advocates at community-based organizations without access to an attorney,
- Design, coordinate, and implement a community training program, with Orange County stakeholders, for pro se litigants and layperson legal advocates on how to navigate removal proceedings,
- Attend stakeholder meetings, and,
- Coordinate and supervise the law students assigned to this project.

### **Required Qualifications:**

- Juris Doctor (J.D.) from an accredited law school,
- Admission to practice law in California (or, at least one U.S. jurisdiction),
- 1-5 years of experience practicing immigration law (recent law graduates are welcome to apply),
- Fluency in a second language (e.g., Spanish or Vietnamese); and
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in a fast-paced, evolving environment.

### **The ideal candidate will also demonstrate:**

- Ability and willingness to work at a law school campus, directly with the Clinic team, including law students enrolled in the clinic;
- Experience with, demonstrated commitment to, and cultural competency for working within a diverse client and student community; and,
- A sense of humor, positive attitude, and self-awareness.

*The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required of personnel so classified.*

### **Location**

Western State College of Law, 16715 Von Karman Blvd, #100, Irvine CA 92606.

**Job Salary, Type and Benefits**

- Salary range: \$68,000 to \$78,000, commensurate with experience
- Full-time, one-year term (renewable, contingent on continued grant funding and satisfactory performance), exempt position
- Benefits package includes medical, dental, and vision
- A retirement plan with elective and employer contributions

**How to Apply**

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis but should be submitted electronically no later than August 30, 2025, to Sabrina Rivera, at [srivera@wsulaw.edu](mailto:srivera@wsulaw.edu). Applications should include a letter describing relevant experience, a resume, a writing sample, and three references.