



Supervising Immigration Attorney

The South is experiencing a critical moment: there is not enough legal representation for immigrant communities. Georgia is home to the largest detention center in the country, but only one in six immigrants detained in the Southeast has access to an attorney in removal proceedings. These proceedings determine whether immigrants have a right to remain in the United States, to live the lives they have built here alongside their families, or whether they are forced to return to a country they may not even recognize as home. For some, winning or losing is a matter of life or death. To fill this gap in representation, we are partnering with the Southern Poverty Law Center's (SPLC) Southeast Immigration Freedom Initiative (SIFI) to provide high-quality, pro bono legal representation to detained immigrants.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta is seeking an experienced immigration attorney to provide legal services to individuals in removal proceedings, as well as subject matter expertise and guidance to fellow attorneys in a team environment.

About Us

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta is the first legal and policy advocacy center dedicated to protecting and promoting the rights of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders in Georgia and the Southeast. Founded in 2010 to create a powerful voice for AANHPI and AMEMSA (Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, and South Asian) communities in the South, we provide in-language direct legal services to low-income clients, coordinate civic engagement and voter mobilization work in Georgia, lead and shapes public policy for AANHPI immigrants and refugees, and develop new leaders to create a better Georgia.

Job Description

Supervising Immigration Attorney

Under the supervision of the Director of Legal Services, the Supervising Immigration Attorney will take cases as well as supervise and mentor two other removal defense attorneys.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Supervise attorneys, including pro bono volunteers, and interns;
- Provide consultations and screen immigrants in detention centers throughout Georgia to ascertain immigration relief;
- Directly represent individuals detained at detention centers in Georgia in removal proceedings;
- Manage a caseload of in-house and pro bono mentorship cases for immigration relief on behalf of detainees, including but not limited to: asylum, withholding of removal, relief under the Convention Against Torture, U visa, VAWA, and adjustment of status with applicable waivers, and SIJS;
- Travel to detention centers in Georgia to meet clients, as needed;
- Monitor detention conditions and access to counsel issues for litigation purposes;
- Engage with stakeholders, including legal community, funders, and public officials.

Qualifications

- Oral and written fluency in Spanish or one Asian language (Vietnamese, Khmer, Arabic, etc.) required;
- JD degree with membership in good standing in the bar of any state and/or the District of Columbia;
- 2-3 years of removal defense experience and strong knowledge of immigration remedies;
- Dedicated to serving immigrant communities with a sincere commitment to working on behalf of low income immigrants;
- Detailed oriented and strong writing skills;
- Supervisory experience;
- Excellent interpersonal skills, including good communication skills, listening skills and attitude;
- Ability to work both independently and under supervision;
- Ability to work flexible hours, including some evenings and weekends;
- Valid driver's license, access to an automobile, insurance, and willingness to drive to off-site locations.

Salary and Benefits

Salary range for this position is commensurate with experience and is based on principles of internal equity. A full benefits package is included. This is a full-time, salaried, non-exempt position.

To Apply

We will be screening applications and interviewing on a rolling basis. Send a resume, cover letter, 3 references, and a legal writing sample to jobs@advancingjustice-atlanta.org. No phone calls please.

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