

OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS & DEFERRED ASSOCIATES

The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area (LCCR) is devoted to advancing the rights of people of color, poor people, and immigrants and refugees, with a special commitment to African-Americans. LCCR with the help of hundreds of *pro bono* attorneys--provides free legal assistance and representation to individuals in the areas of race, poverty, and immigration. In addition, the Lawyers' Committee handles impact cases that focus on important civil rights issues. Volunteer attorneys/deferred associates will work in one or more of our issue areas. Our projects include –

Race

Educational Equity: Addresses differential access by students of color to resources in K-12 education by coordinating a program to ensure that schools, districts and superintendents comply with the *Williams v. California* settlement.

African-American Agenda: Impact litigation and policy advocacy on significant issues facing the Bay Area's African-American community, including racial discrimination in housing & education, school desegregation & affirmative action.

Voting Rights: Advocates for the rights of people of color under the California Voting Rights Act.

Poverty

Legal Services for Entrepreneurs: Provides business legal services to low-income entrepreneurs whose for-profit businesses will enhance the economic infrastructure of their neighborhoods. Free legal assistance is also provided to businesses which invest directly in disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Legal Services Clinic: Enlists *pro bono* attorneys to serve low-income San Franciscans with a focus on six areas: eviction defense, public benefits issues, tort defense, debt collection, school expulsions/suspensions & non-profit counseling.

Immigration

Asylum Program: Recruits *pro bono* lawyers, interpreters, and mentor immigration attorneys to provide legal representation to indigent refugees fleeing persecution and torture around the globe.

Immigrant Rights: Impact litigation and policy advocacy on behalf of immigrants and refugees, including legal challenges to unlawful arrest practices, detention conditions, and racial/ethnic profiling.

Domestic Workers Project: Provides legal assistance, community education, and policy advocacy on behalf of domestic workers and other low wage immigrant workers experiencing exploitation.

To apply, send a resume and cover letter to:

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Please indicate which, if any, of our projects are of particular interest to you. Please also indicate the amount of time (number of months; hours per week) that you are willing to volunteer.

The Lawyers' Committee is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. People of color, lesbians, gay men, transgender individuals, persons with disabilities, and people over 55 are encouraged to apply.