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## **HOUSING ATTORNEY**

Santa Clara Regional Office

Bay Area Legal Aid is the Bay Area's largest provider of free civil legal services to the poor with offices in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Mateo, San Francisco and Santa Clara counties. Bay Legal's mission is to provide high quality legal assistance to eligible low-income clients in the areas of housing, family law, domestic violence, access to healthcare, and public benefits.

**The Position**: We seek a Full-Time STAFF ATTORNEY in HOUSING for our Santa Clara County Regional Office located in San Jose. This attorney position includes some of the following duties: representation of clients who face eviction in Superior Court and/or with the Santa Clara County Housing Authority; identification and pursuit of affirmative fair housing litigation in both state and federal courts and administrative forums; community training and outreach; policy work in areas that uniquely affect our clients' housing rights.

**Requirements:** We are interested in candidates who demonstrate a commitment to public interest legal advocacy and who are highly motivated to promote and protect the rights of our clients. The position requires that the candidate be a member in good standing of the California Bar or eligible to practice law in California as a "Registered Legal Services Attorney". We seek an attorney candidate who is comfortable and adept working in a litigation and negotiation rich environment. Candidates must possess excellent legal writing and oral advocacy skills. The candidate's ability to exercise sound judgment both independently and in a team-oriented and often fast-paced environment is critical. Candidates must have the ability to embrace and work successfully with people from diverse backgrounds. Bilingual skills in Spanish or Vietnamese are preferred.

**Compensation and Benefits**: Compensation is based upon experience. Bay Area Legal Aid provides a generous benefits package that includes: medical and dental insurance, flexible spending accounts for transportation, medical and dependent care; law school loan repayment assistance; retirement account; paid holidays; bilingual stipend; paid vacation and sick leave.

**Application:** Please send a resume, cover letter indicating why you are interested in the position, and your writing sample to: Human Resources Department, Bay Area Legal Aid, 1735 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, California 94612; Fax (510) 663-4711; <a href="mailto:applicantresume@baylegal.org">applicantresume@baylegal.org</a>. Please remember to reference the "San Jose Housing Attorney" position. To find out more about us, go to www.baylegal.org. Bay Area Legal Aid is an equal opportunity employer. We encourage applicants who will contribute to our diversity.

When to apply: Position open until filled.