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Staff Attorney Immigrant Justice Program

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Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy, a non-profit provider of civil legal assistance to low-income persons in Charlotte and Western NC, seeks Staff Attorney to focus on Domestic Violence prevention and protection matters and to participate in other Immigrant Justice Program advocacy activities. See attached program description for case types and other information.

The Advocacy Center is committed to aggressive advocacy on behalf of low-income people in many areas of law and in all forums in which their rights and interests are determined. Center attorneys give legal advice, represent individual low-income clients in state and federal courts and administrative agencies, provide community legal education, participate in community events, assist other agencies serving low-income people and engage in class action litigation and in legislative, administrative and other systemic advocacy projects and activities. The Center is funded by grants from federal, state and local government agencies, United Way of Central Carolinas, private foundations, individual contributions and client fees but receives no Legal Services Corporation funds. More information about the Advocacy Center is at: www.charlottelegaladvocacy.org.

Qualifications: Graduation from law school; NC Bar license, eligible for comity or to take the NC Bar exam; demonstrated commitment to the poor; strong communication and analytical ability; strong interest in both individual and systemic advocacy, self-motivated, creative and dependable. Spanish proficiency is required.

Salary: \$45,000+ depending on experience; generous leave and benefits.

To Apply: Send *detailed letter explaining your qualifications for and your interest in this specific position*, bar status and experience with low-income people accompanied by a resume; writing sample; the names and telephone numbers of three references; and any other relevant info to: Brittany Chadwick, Administrative Assistant, Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy, by email to brittanyc@charlottelegaladvocacy.org or by mail to 1431 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte, NC, 28204, *email is preferred*.

Equal opportunity employer.

Veterans, women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.



Immigrant Justice Program

The mission of the Immigrant Justice Program is to protect low-income, non-English-speaking Hispanic residents and immigrants from all nations from exploitation, to ensure accessibility of public services, to stabilize the immigration status of clients, and to provide remedies despite barriers to redress.

The program provides individual advice and representation to low-income non-English-speaking immigrants before state and federal courts, administrative agencies and legislative bodies; conducts community legal education programs; educates community agencies concerning the legal rights of immigrants; and assists those agencies in serving the needs of immigrants.

PROJECTS:

- **Safe Child Immigrant Project:** assist unaccompanied immigrant children in removal proceedings in the Charlotte Immigration Court.
- **Immigration Assistance Project:** assist unrepresented immigrants in Charlotte's Immigration Court by providing consultation, education, and referrals.
- **Legal Orientation Program for Custodians:** provide outreach, information and education to potential custodians of unaccompanied children who are in immigration removal proceedings.
- **Safe Release Support Project:** provide fingerprint services to potential custodians of unaccompanied immigrant children and provide ORR/DUCS Family Reunification Packet counseling to custodians.

CASE TYPES:

- **Family law:** domestic violence, child custody where child is in danger
- **Housing law:** habitability, preventing discrimination, defending evictions
- **Immigration law:**
 - Assistance for domestic violence victims:
 - VAWA petitions
 - Cancellation of removal
 - U and T visas
 - Gender-based asylum claims
 - Removal defense
 - Affirmative and defensive asylum claims
 - Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
 - Cancellation of Removal
 - Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) applications
 - U and T visas for victims of trafficking and violent crimes
 - Temporary Protected Status
 - Prosecutorial Discretion
 - Limited Consular Processing, Adjustment of Status and Family-based applications