

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT



Position: Supervising Attorney,
Reports to: Immigrants' Rights Managing Attorney
Bargaining Unit: No
FLSA: Exempt

Position Summary & Responsibilities

Centro Legal's immigration practice includes comprehensive, full-service direct representation before USCIS and the immigration courts (EOIR), district court and federal court of appeals. Centro also participates in impact litigation efforts, legal rights education, and local and national advocacy. We specialize in detained and non-detained removal defense, the intersection of immigration and criminal law, affirmative asylum applications, and humanitarian visas.

Centro Legal is seeking an experienced attorney to assist in the provision of immigration legal services. The supervising attorney will carry a large but reduced caseload and will supervise a designated team of staff members in the provision of immigration legal services. Duties will include:

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- Directly representing non-detained and detained individuals in removal proceedings before the San Francisco Immigration Court and Board of Immigration Appeals;
- Preparing and submitting applications, legal briefs, and supporting documentation for cases involving asylum, withholding of removal, relief under the Convention Against Torture, U visa, VAWA, cancelation of removal, adjustment of status with applicable waivers, and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, including state court petitions;
- Supervising, mentoring, and ensuring ongoing professional development for staff attorneys and legal assistants;
- Assigning casework to supervisees to promote self-care and wellbeing;
- Conducting Know-Your-Rights presentations to community members;
- Participating in on-site and remote legal clinics offering legal consultations;
- Presenting to government and non-government agencies; community-based organizations on changes in immigration law;
- Representing Centro Legal at collaborative and stakeholder meetings, with local and regional partners;
- Assisting in identifying potential federal litigation cases arising from direct services work and assisting in impact litigation efforts in federal district and circuit courts for placement with pro bono attorney or other non-profit litigation partners; and
- Assisting in determining appropriate case stories for use in reports, advocacy materials, and public education and providing expert testimony to media on current immigration law and policy topics.

Qualifications

The applicant must profoundly share Centro Legal's mission and vision of racial, economic and social justice. Qualifications include:

- J.D; admitted and in good standing with a State bar; CA bar admission preferred;
- Fluency in Spanish required;
- Minimum of 3 years of experience in removal defense, especially asylum and representing unaccompanied minors;
- Excellent writing, research, analytical, and verbal communication skills;
- A demonstrated commitment to civil liberties, immigrant justice, and public interest law;
- Experience working with Bay Area law firms is highly desired but not required.
- A record of moving legal cases forward and demonstrated ability to build and manage a heavy caseload;
- Strong leadership skills, preferably with experience supervising other attorneys and legal assistants;
- Demonstrated ability to work cooperatively on projects with lawyers, other staff members, and diverse community organizations;
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity within the office and a personal approach that values all individuals and respects differences regarding race, ethnicity, age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, religion, ability, socio-economic circumstance, immigration status, and record of arrest or conviction;
- Familiarity in working with clients in crisis or who are recent trauma survivors; and
- Willingness to conduct training and outreach activities in the community.

Compensation

Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. We provide a generous benefits package, including life insurance, LTD, leave policies, vacation, and December holiday office closure at full pay.

To Apply

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Submit: 1) cover letter, 2) resume, and 3) a list of three professional references. Include "**Supervising Attorney – Immigration**" in the subject line. Please email application materials directly to Executive Director: Theresa L. Gonzales at: tgonzales@centrolegal.org

POSITION OPEN UNTIL FILLED

About Centro Legal de la Raza

Founded in 1969 and headquartered in Oakland, California, Centro Legal de la Raza (Centro Legal) is a comprehensive legal services and advocacy organization protecting and advancing the rights of immigrant, low-income, and Latino communities through bilingual representation, education, and advocacy. We combine quality legal services with know-your-rights education,

affirmative litigation, and youth development, ensuring access to justice for thousands of individuals and families each year throughout Northern and Central California. Centro Legal's multifaceted approach to legal advocacy on behalf of the most vulnerable amongst us is purposefully designed to ensure access to justice. To this end, we pride ourselves in the three key components of our work: creating leadership, empowerment, and equity in our community.

We focus on leadership by providing guidance and mentorship to the next generation of attorneys and judges of color through our Youth Law Academy and Diversity Legal Pipeline programs. We incubate community empowerment by advocating for positive change in local and state governments, creating meaningful dialogue on issues through our communications and media strategies, and by engaging in true, collaborative based, community lawyering. Finally, we ensure equity through high quality bilingual legal services and courtroom advocacy.

For more information, please visit our website: <https://centrolegal.org/>

Diversity Statement

Centro Legal's mission includes advancing social, economic and racial justice. We are committed to fostering, cultivating and preserving a culture of equity, diversity and inclusion within and ensuring a workplace where all staff can flourish and grow professionally and well beyond. Our staff are the most important part of our ability to achieve our mission. The collective sum of the individual differences, life experiences, knowledge, inventiveness, innovation, self-expression, unique capabilities and talent that our employees invest in their work represents a significant part of not only our culture, but our reputation, sustainability and our organization's success. Centro Legal de la Raza is an equal employment opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sex, pregnancy), gender, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, age, medical condition including genetic characteristics, mental or physical disability, military or veteran status, marital status, family responsibilities, caregiver status, sexual orientation, gender identity (including transgender status), gender expression, weight, height, linguistic characteristics (such as accent and limited English proficiency where not substantially job-related), citizenship status, status as a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, HIV/AIDs status, or any other basis prohibited by law. Centro Legal also prohibits discrimination based on a perception that an individual has any of the characteristics of the protected classes listed above, and further prohibits discrimination against an individual who is associated with a person who has, or is perceived to have, any of those characteristics.