

IMMIGRATION DETENTION ATTORNEY

Overview:

The ACLU of Louisiana seeks an attorney to further our immigrants' rights work, with a specific focus on challenging excessive or unlawful detention of individuals in immigration detention centers in Louisiana. This individual will be responsible for federal court litigation challenging detention. They will participate in advocacy campaigns to end excessive detention and will collaborate with allied immigrants' rights organizations throughout Louisiana.

Preferred Qualifications:

- A law degree and admission to the Louisiana bar;
- Working understanding of the bond, parole and release rights of people in removal proceedings;
- Demonstrated ability to build novel legal theories;
- At least five years of litigation experience, at least two of which are in federal practice;
- Experience working with co-counsel and building litigation teams;
- Excellent research, writing, analytic, interpersonal, communication and time management skills;
- Exceptional attention to detail;
- Qualities of patience, emotional intelligence and respect;
- Ability to travel regularly to other parts of the state, and a drivers' license;
- Flexibility to work occasional nights and weekends;
- Spanish language fluency;
- Ability to manage stressful situations and maintain self-care;
- Desire to work in an environment that encourages and includes individuals from diverse backgrounds;
- Demonstrated commitment to immigrants' rights;
- Dedication to civil rights and civil liberties;
- Experience working with detained people and their families a plus; and
- Knowledge of federal habeas proceedings is a plus.

Note: this position requires the ability to regularly travel and work non-traditional hours, such as nights and weekends. Please do not apply if you are unable to regularly travel.

How to Apply:

Please submit a letter of interest, your resume and three references (identifying their relationships to you) to legal@laaclu.org. Please put "Immigration Detention Attorney" in your subject line. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis beginning January 17, 2020.

The ACLU is a nationwide, non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to the defense and expansion of civil liberties and civil rights. The Louisiana affiliate of the ACLU works in the courts, legislature and communities of our State to advance the rights of all Louisianans.

The ACLU is an equal opportunity employer that values a diverse workforce and inclusive culture. The ACLU encourages applications from all qualified individuals without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, national origin, marital or family status, citizenship, disability or veteran status.



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