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National Housing Law Project STAFF ATTORNEY

The National Housing Law Project (NHLP) was established in 1968 as a housing law and advocacy center that promotes housing justice on behalf of low income people and disadvantaged communities. Through high-impact litigation and national leadership in policy advocacy, NHLP has been a driving force behind many fundamental housing rights enjoyed by low-income homeowners and tenants.

NHLP seeks an experienced attorney to join the exceptional staff in our San Francisco office.

The staff attorney will work under the direction of NHLP's Executive Director and Deputy Director and will be responsible for providing legal and technical support to housing attorneys, other housing advocates, resident organizations and nonprofit agencies in on substantive housing issues that affect low income people and disadvantaged communities, often within the context of the federally-supported housing programs. The staff attorney will also engage in research; develop educational and legal resource materials, guides, and professional publications, including NHLP's Bulletin and Green Book; train attorneys, community advocates and resident leaders; analyze proposed housing legislation and regulations; and engage in selected litigation, in partnership with local counsel.

A Qualified Applicant must have:

- A demonstrated commitment to advancing the rights and interests of low-income people and families;
- Three to seven years of practice as an attorney;
- Excellent oral communication skills;
- Strong presentation skills and/or teaching experience;
- Excellent research and analytical skills;
- Strong legal writing skills, preferably including published works;
- Litigation experience, preferably including tenant representation;
- A desire to explore emergent areas of housing law and develop new program areas;
- Ability to work independently and as a member of a team, while providing leadership to the advocacy community;
- Proficient in the use of information technology;
- Member in Good Standing of the State Bar of California, or a State Bar (must sit for California Bar in July 2013).

Applicants who have an understanding of and working experience with federally-supported housing programs, preservation of federal affordable housing stock, the financing of rental and homeownership programs, and fair housing and civil rights issues are especially encouraged to apply.

Salary:

Salary is based on experience; excellent benefits and generous vacation.

Application:

To apply for this position, please email the following to staffattorney@nhlp.org:

- Cover letter that details your interest in the position and includes a brief summary of your work experience
- Resume
- Three professional references
- A writing sample

Please, no phone calls, email inquiries or faxes.

Deadline:

NHLP seeks to hire a qualified individual as soon as possible and thus would appreciate receiving applications promptly. Applications will be reviewed upon receipt until position is filled.

NHLP is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer that does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, genetic information, disability, or status as a veteran. **We welcome and encourage applications from those who will enhance our staff diversity.**