



Job Announcement: Immigration Attorney Fellowship (January-September 2017)

Site/Program:	Deportation Defense and Legal Advocacy Program
Compensation:	Salary commensurate with experience, plus benefits, including medical, dental, vision, LTD, and life insurance
Schedule:	Full-Time Exempt position
To apply:	Send cover letter, resume, three references, and a writing sample to: immigration@dscs.org with the subject "Fellowship Position".
Starting date:	Eight-month fellowship to begin immediately; end September 2017.
Posting date:	December 29, 2016. Interviews to be scheduled on a rolling basis until position is filled.

About the Organization:

Dolores Street Community Services is a multi-service non-profit organization that provides housing, immigration, and employment services in San Francisco's Mission District. Since 2008, Dolores Street's **Deportation Defense & Legal Advocacy Program** has been a local leader in providing *pro bono* legal defense for individuals and families facing deportation. We use creative legal and advocacy strategies to challenge prolonged detention, constitutional violations, and other injustices in the immigration legal system. We represent individuals threatened with deportation through challenges to the allegations and charges of removability, as well as through applications for relief, including asylum, withholding of removal, relief under the Convention Against Torture, waivers of inadmissibility and deportability, and applications for U-visa and VAWA relief.

In addition, Dolores Street Community Services is the fiscal lead for the San Francisco Immigrant Legal & Education Network (SFILEN), a collaborative of 13 community based agencies that provide services to San Francisco's Asian, Arab, African, Caribbean, Pacific Islander, and Latino immigrants.

Position Summary:

In connection with ongoing efforts to move towards a universal representation model for removal defense cases in the Bay Area, Dolores Street Community Services seeks an Immigration Attorney/Fellow for an eight-month fellowship (January – September 2017) position to represent and provide legal assistance to low-income community members in removal proceedings.

Responsibilities include:

- Conduct intake with potential clients, screening for potential claims for relief and providing legal counsel and advice;
- Provide full-scope representation to individuals facing removal before the Immigration Court, the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS), the Board of Immigration Appeals, and the Ninth Circuit of Appeals;
- Participate in agency meetings, community activities, and trainings;
- Engage in outreach and education in the area of immigrant rights;
- Maintain and establish relationships with community partners and immigration service providers.

Qualifications:

- Juris Doctor required. Bar membership preferred; position open to recent law graduates sitting for February 2017 bar.
- Relevant experience in immigration law and direct services;
- Fluent in written and spoken Spanish;
- Ability to work effectively with low-income individuals, including clients with mental illnesses;
- Demonstrated commitment to immigrant rights and community empowerment;
- Strong organizational, problem-solving, and analytical skills;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills;
- Ability to work as part of a team and independently to manage priorities, and prioritize workflow;
- Commitment to providing culturally competent services.

Dolores Street is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We encourage people of color, immigrants, women, people with disabilities, members of the LGBTQ community and other minority groups to apply.