

Prison Law Office Staff Attorney:

Description

The [Prison Law Office](#), located in Berkeley, California, is seeking a staff attorney to investigate, litigate and monitor conditions in correctional facilities.

The Prison Law Office is a nonprofit public interest law firm founded in 1976 that provides free legal services to incarcerated adults and juveniles to improve their conditions of confinement in various correctional settings, including prisons, jails, juvenile halls and immigration detention facilities. With a staff of attorneys and support personnel, we engage in class action and other impact litigation in California, Arizona, and other states; provide direct legal services to individuals regarding their incarceration; educate the public about jail and prison conditions, and provide technical assistance to attorneys throughout the country.

We have litigated numerous successful institutional reform cases that, among other things, have reduced the overcrowding of California's prisons, improved health care services, guaranteed people with physical and developmental disabilities reasonable accommodations and equal access to jail and prison programs, reduced the use of excessive force, limited racial discrimination in prisons, and restricted the use of solitary confinement in adult and juvenile correctional systems. See www.prisonlaw.com for more information.

Staff attorneys play a leading role in the litigation of individual and class claims on behalf of incarcerated people, from fact-gathering and initial case research through discovery, motion practice, settlement negotiations, and trial and appellate work. Attorneys are expected to be proficient in legal research, writing, and oral advocacy. Much of our work involves post-trial remedial monitoring and remedial litigation practice on long-running state-wide class actions; attorneys frequently tour correctional facilities and interview incarcerated people to monitor compliance.

Salary & Benefits: Competitive Salary and Generous Benefits Package

Job Requirements:

- Admission to the California Bar or plans to sit for the July 2018 California Bar Exam.
- Experience or interest in correctional issues
- Excellent analytical, legal research and writing, and oral advocacy skills.
- Excellent verbal communication skills; bilingual skills in Spanish preferred.
- Demonstrated ability to problem-solve, exercise sound judgment, take initiative, and work independently.
- Ability to interact cooperatively, professionally, and effectively with coworkers, clients, co-counsel, opposing counsel, and jail/prison staff.
- Candidates must be able and willing to travel throughout California and Arizona to prisons and jails on multi-day tours; valid driver's license required.

People of color, LGBT individuals, persons with disabilities, and people who have had prior contact or experience with the criminal justice system or prison systems are encouraged to apply.

How To Apply

To be considered for the position, please submit the following materials, as a single attachment to: jobs@prisonlaw.com, with the subject line "**Staff Attorney Application.**"

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Legal writing sample
- List of three references

The Prison Law Office is an equal employment opportunity employer and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sex (including pregnancy), gender, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, age, disability, veteran status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity (including transgender status), or any other basis prohibited by law. The Prison Law Office does not bar applicants based upon their arrest or criminal history.