

Apply for a Law Clerkship with the Asian Law Caucus!

The Asian Law Caucus is seeking law clerk applications for Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. Located in San Francisco and founded in 1972, the ALC is the nation's oldest legal and civil rights organization serving low-income Asian Pacific American communities. The ALC strives to defend and empower the APA community through a three-pronged strategy of community organizing, direct legal services, and strategic impact litigation.

PROGRAM AREAS: Law clerks will be matched with one of the below program areas and supervised by one or more staff attorneys. Preference for any program areas should be stated in the applicant's cover letter.

Criminal Justice Reform Program: challenges inequities in the criminal justice system by providing community education, legal representation, and policy advocacy on behalf of low-income immigrants in the justice system, limiting local law enforcement collaboration with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) by challenging programs such as "Secure Communities" (S-Comm), and promoting restorative justice as an alternative to punitive approaches to criminal justice.

Employment and Labor Program: counsels low-income immigrant workers on a full range of employment problems including employment discrimination, harassment, wrongful termination, retaliation, and workplace safety. It provides direct legal representation on administrative wage and hour claims and limited unemployment insurance benefit appeals. The program also uses impact litigation and public advocacy to address broader systemic or industry-wide workplace abuses.

Housing Advocacy and Community Development Program: provides legal assistance to low-income tenants and seniors and seeks to build community infrastructure in low-income neighborhoods. The Program also represents community constituents in the public planning process.

Immigrants' Rights Program: leverages litigation, legal services, and organizing/outreach for permanent resident and undocumented immigrants in the Bay Area around detention; deportation; constitutional and due process claims, including supporting community mobilization and education regarding comprehensive immigration reform.

National Security and Civil Rights Program: challenges national security practices that impinge on the civil rights of South Asian, Muslim, Sikh, and Middle Eastern descent, including unfair searches and interrogations of individuals returning to the United States after travels abroad. The Project uses litigation, policy advocacy, and community education to protect the civil rights and civil liberties of vulnerable communities.

THE LAW CLERK EXPERIENCE: During the Fall and Spring semesters, law clerks must be available a minimum of 15 hours per week. During the Summer, law clerks are full-time, 40 hours a week. Assignments include conducting legal research, client intake interviews, drafting declarations, researching and drafting briefs and motions, attending hearings and policy meetings, developing know your rights materials, and conducting research for pending state and federal bills.

How to Apply: Please **E-MAIL ONLY** a cover letter, a resume, a writing sample, and 2-3 references to. **NO CALLS.**

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IMPORTANT APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Fall 2011: Space remains available, please send in your applications asap if interested.

Spring 2012: December 9, 2011 or late applications accepted if space remains available.

Summer 2012: Jan. 27, 2012 or late applications accepted if space remains available.