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Public Interest Consumer Attorney to Lead NCLC's Student Loan Project

The National Consumer Law Center (NCLC) is seeking an experienced attorney to lead NCLC's student loan team. NCLC has been a leader on student loan issues for decades. NCLC's Student Loan Borrower Assistance project focuses in particular on low-income student loan borrowers, with a strong racial justice lens. The project is known for its deep expertise in student loan law, which enables it to provide detailed policy and legal analysis. Team members' policy work is also informed by representation of individual low-income clients, with each team member handling a small caseload, and by authorship of NCLC's *Student Loan Law* practice manual.

As a member of NCLC's advocacy staff, the candidate will develop and implement strategies that help promote financial stability and asset preservation, combat exploitative practices, and advance racial justice, and may contribute to our work in areas besides student loans. The position includes management of the student loan project, research and writing, training and technical assistance, working with NCLC's Development team to secure and report on grants, and policy and systemic advocacy at both the national and state levels. Some travel is required for meetings, presentations, and conferences, though travel is not currently required due to the pandemic.

NCLC is a nonprofit, public interest advocacy organization that seeks to build economic security and family wealth for low-income and other economically disadvantaged Americans. NCLC is a leading source of legal and public policy expertise on consumer issues for lawyers, federal and state policymakers, consumer advocates, journalists, and front-line service providers. For more information, please see our website at www.nclc.org.

Currently the majority of NCLC's staff are working remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This arrangement will continue for the foreseeable future. Ideally this candidate will be based in our Boston headquarters, but candidates who can work in our Washington, DC office or remotely will be considered.

Qualifications

- Law degree and admission to the bar in at least one state.
- At least 7 years of legal and/or policy experience.

- Experience with issues regarding student loans, fraudulent schools, or closely related topics highly preferred.
- Demonstrated commitment to working on behalf of disadvantaged individuals and communities, ideally through legal representation of low-income clients on student loan issues.
- Excellent writing and analytical skills, including a demonstrated ability to analyze and write about complex legal and public policy issues.
- Experience or demonstrated interest in policy advocacy work.
- Outstanding communication and advocacy skills.
- The ability to think creatively, be strategic, and exercise good judgment.
- The ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Supervisory experience is highly preferred.

Responsibilities

- Lead NCLC's 3- to 4-person student loan team and manage its work.
- Lead the development of the goals and strategies for NCLC's student loan work.
- Present or oversee the presentation of testimony in Congress and advocacy before the Department of Education and other agencies.
- Analyze policy proposals and legal issues, prepare agency comments, testimony, reports, other analyses, and one-pagers, and review team members' written work.
- Meet with and respond to requests from policymakers, other advocacy organizations, industry groups, and the media.
- Develop and participate in litigation to advance student loan borrower protections.
- Represent a small number of individual low-income student loan borrowers, primarily in seeking administrative relief such as discharges and default resolution.
- Research and write on student loan issues for NCLC legal practice manuals.
- Provide legal and technical support to private and civil legal aid lawyers, consumer advocates, and government officials.
- Lead or coordinate our participation in coalitions.
- Lead workshops and training sessions for lawyers and advocates.
- Develop proactive communication strategies to promote policy goals.
- Contribute to fundraising efforts by working with NCLC's Development team to obtain grants and contracts.
- Participate in the development and implementation of NCLC's overall priorities.

Salary

NCLC pays on a competitive salary scale, commensurate with years of experience. For example, starting annual pay at 7 years is \$104,000, 10 years \$116,000, 15 years \$128,000.

Benefits

NCLC offers an outstanding benefits package that includes employer-paid medical, dental, life and disability insurance, as well as pre-tax savings plans, a retirement savings plan with

employer contribution, and generous paid time off including holidays, sick time, personal time, parental and family leave, and 4 weeks of vacation per year.

Relocation assistance is available for candidates who are prepared to relocate to the Boston or Washington, D.C. area.

How to Apply: Please submit a resume and cover letter to careers@nclc.org (subject line: Student Loans Attorney 2022) and complete the online employment application: <https://forms.gle/DtLCT14wE9jhAGGC9>

While applications will be considered on a rolling basis, priority consideration will be given to applicants that apply by February 27th, 2022.

The National Consumer Law Center is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer, and encourages applications from all qualified individuals without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability or veteran status, or to other non-work-related factors.