Public Interest Consumer Attorney (Student Loans)
Boston, MA

The National Consumer Law Center (NCLC) is seeking an experienced attorney to work for economic justice for low-income and other disadvantaged communities. As a member of NCLC’s advocacy staff, the attorney will develop and implement strategies that help promote financial stability and asset preservation and combat exploitive practices. The position includes research and writing as well as policy and systemic advocacy at both the national and state levels. Some travel is required for meetings, presentations, and conferences. The attorney will work out of NCLC’s main office in Boston.

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.

Areas of Interest
This position will include significant work as a part of NCLC’s Student Loan Borrower Assistance Project. Depending on interest and background, the attorney may work in a number of other areas of consumer financial protection.

Qualifications
- Law degree and admission to the bar in MA, or eligible to waive in or practice under SJC Rule 3:04.
- At least 2 years of relevant legal experience required, including experience working on consumer law issues.
- Experience working on Student Loan issues highly preferred.
- Excellent writing and analytical skills, including a demonstrated ability to analyze and write about complex legal and public policy issues.
- 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.
- A demonstrated commitment to working on behalf of disadvantaged individuals and communities.
Responsibilities

- Research and write on consumer issues for NCLC legal practice manuals and other publications, as well as shorter policy briefs;
- Write and present regulatory and legislative comments and testimony; meet with and respond to requests from policymakers, other advocacy organizations, industry groups, and the media;
- Provide legal and technical support to private and civil legal aid lawyers, consumer advocates, and government officials;
- Lead workshops and training sessions for lawyers and advocates;
- Develop proactive communication strategies to promote policy goals;
- Develop and manage advocacy projects;
- Contribute to fundraising efforts by obtaining grants and contracts;
- Provide direct representation to low-income student loan borrowers in MA;
- Supervise law students on projects.

Salary

NCLC pays on a competitive salary scale, commensurate with years of experience. For example, starting annual pay at 2 years of experience is $77,000; 5 years $90,000; 10 years $108,000.

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 leave, and 4 weeks of vacation per year.

Relocation assistance is available.

To apply, please email your resume and cover letter to careers@nclc.org. Subject Line: Consumer Attorney Student Loans. No phone calls, please.

While applications will be considered on a rolling basis, priority consideration will be given to applicants that apply by January 20th, 2020.

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.