

Disability Rights Legal Center (DRLC) celebrated its 40th year in 2015 as the nation's oldest cross-disability rights advocacy organization. Our mission is to champion the rights of people with disabilities through education, advocacy, and litigation. Our long-established intake lines and community outreach efforts enable DRLC to bring high-impact cases in administrative, state, and federal court. These cases impact the lives and conditions for many similarly situated people.

Working at DRLC is more than just a job - it's a rare opportunity to make a difference in people's lives. DRLC is an environment with the resources and leadership to support legal staff with interesting and challenging cases. DRLC collaborates with private and non-profit organizations and firms across the country, providing a diverse and rich network for your legal career.

DRLC seeks a dynamic and motivated Director of Litigation with outstanding academic and professional credentials to join the Litigation Team.

Responsibilities:

- Under the supervision of the Executive Director, the Director of Litigation handles all aspects of the DRLC's disability rights litigation.
- Provides disability expertise on cases, investigations, amicus briefs, and other areas as needed.
- Supervises Senior & Managing attorneys, with management of Staff Attorneys, Legal Intern/Externs and Clerks if needed.
- Manages pipeline of cases and investigations and plays a critical role in the assessment of intakes, current investigations, and balance of the caseload of the organization.
- Works closely in assessing cases appropriate for pro bono co-counsel and managing partnerships and relationships with external law firms.
- Represents the DRLC in advocacy, meetings, and events with a focus on improving the presence as a leader in the disability community and to build partnerships for potential cases.
- Other duties as assigned.

Requirements:

- Member of the California Bar or willingness to take the California Bar exam at the next opportunity.
- 10+ years litigation experience, including substantial experience as lead counsel.
- Experience supervising legal staff.
- Strong academic qualifications.
- Excellent writing, verbal and interpersonal skills.
- Strong organizational skills.

- Experience with disability rights issues and disability rights litigation strongly preferred.
- Demonstrated commitment to public interest law and civil rights law.
- Experience in complex, class action, appellate, and federal court practice.
- Public speaking skill and experience.
- Strong relationships with Southern California legal community and Southern California disability community.

Compensation:

This is a full time, exempt position. Compensation consists of salary commensurate with experience in the public interest sector, insurance benefits (health, liability, life, and disability), professional dues and memberships, vacation and sick leave.

Application:

Applications welcome immediately; position open until filled. Applications must include: (1) a cover letter that addresses your goals and your interest in this position; (2) resume; (3) writing sample; (4) names of three references; and (5) a list of major cases you have worked on and a description of your role. Submit electronic application to Jacqueline.Cortes@drlcenter.org with the words "Director of Litigation" in the subject line.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. No phone calls, please. Only those applicants who are selected for an interview will receive a response.

For more information on the Disability Rights Legal Center visit: www.theDRLC.org

Persons with disabilities, persons of color, women, and other minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.