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Public Interest Attorney

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About PHLP

Public Health Law & Policy (PHLP) focuses on improving the public's health by drawing on the expertise of an inter-disciplinary team of lawyers, urban planners, and public health professionals.

PHLP works with community-based organizations, local public health and planning departments, schools, elected officials, government attorneys, and private counsel to create groundbreaking policy solutions to critical public health challenges. Staff attorneys provide comprehensive training, technical assistance, and model policies to advance public health policy. Currently, PHLP is funded to work in the following topic areas: tobacco control, childhood obesity prevention, healthy planning, and climate change. Visit us at www.phlpnet.org for more information.

Position Description

PHLP is seeking an attorney to work with our tobacco control team. The Technical Assistance Legal Center (TALC) provides legal information and technical assistance to advocates of tobacco control policies in California. See www.phlpnet.org/tobacco-control for more information.

The attorney will work with local health departments, community-based organizations, and municipal attorneys throughout California as part of a dynamic team of community organizers and policy analysts who are developing local policies to reduce tobacco use—one of the most critical public health movements of this generation. The legal technical assistance models being developed by TALC in tobacco control are prototypes for similar work in nutrition advocacy, communicable disease control, and other timely issues related to public health and the law.

The attorney will conduct research, draft model ordinances and fact sheets, and provide legal technical assistance on a wide range of tobacco control issues such as requiring a license to sell tobacco products; limiting exposure to secondhand smoke in public and private places; prohibiting the distribution of free tobacco samples; and interpreting the federal law that provides the U.S. Food and Drug Administration with the authority to regulate tobacco products.

Specific responsibilities include:

- answering questions about existing and proposed tobacco control laws from tobacco control advocates and local government staff;
- participating in and presenting at trainings, webinars, and conferences on tobacco control issues;
- researching and writing legal and policy resource materials, such as fact sheets and FAQs, for legal and public health audiences;
- drafting and analyzing local ordinances, state legislation, and other policies;

This is an excellent opportunity for an attorney interested in blending legal practice with developing cutting edge public health policies.

Requirements:

- JD; must be a current or pending member of the State Bar of California or another state;
- Zero to five years of legal experience with excellent references;
- Excellent legal research, public speaking, and written communication skills;
- Excellent attention to detail;
- Ability to translate complex legal concepts into plain language for a lay audience;
- Occasional travel, mostly within the state of California;
- Ability to manage multiple priorities and work in a fast-paced office environment;
- Ability to develop and manage a personal workplan;
- Ability to work independently and take personal initiative;
- Ability to participate as a member of cross-functional teams;
- Excellent computer skills, including Word, PowerPoint, and Excel;
- Experience working with one or more of the following constituencies is desired: local government legal and non-legal staff, elected officials, community-based health organizations, public health departments, or city planners;
- Experience in any of the following legal fields is desired: municipal law, First Amendment, land use, disability, or landlord/tenant law (note that knowledge of relevant tobacco control laws is not required; training will be provided);
- Experience in ordinance or statutory drafting a plus;
- Prior work experience in public health, public policy, public education, or related field a plus.

Compensation

This is a full-time position. Salary range is \$62,438 - \$77,356 per year. PHLP is offers a generous benefits package including medical, dental, vision, and long term disability insurance, life insurance, tax sheltered annuity and a flexible benefit plan.

Applications must be received by Friday, September 10. Send a cover letter, resume, list of references, and a pertinent writing sample via e-mail to:

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