



Removal Defense Attorney

Position: Just Neighbors seeks a passionate, talented Virginia-barred attorney to build and manage a Removal Defense Program, focusing on Unaccompanied Children in Virginia. Position will be based out of our main Annandale office, but requires travel. To apply, send resume, cover letter, writing sample and (minimum) three references to Dominique Poirier, Director of Legal Services at dominique@justneighbors.org. Resume collection open until June 30, 2021. Position to begin @ September 1, 2021.

Who we Are:

Just Neighbors (www.justneighbors.org) is a nonprofit immigration legal service office which provides immigration legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees in Virginia, DC, and Maryland. Our dedicated legal staff focuses almost exclusively on humanitarian-based immigration. Just Neighbors is a member site of National Justice For Our Neighbors, a national non-profit dedicated to providing quality immigration legal services throughout the nation.

Responsibilities:

- Maintain a robust case load focusing on SIJ, Asylum, and Removal Defense. However, case load may also include other humanitarian case types, including VAWA petitions, U Visa, T Visa, as well as a very limited number of family-based immigration cases. Work requires meeting with clients for initial consultations and preparing applications for submission to USCIS (including the Arlington Asylum Office) as well as court filings and representation before EOIR, and filings and court work in Commonwealth of Virginia Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.
- Coordinate and attend evening and/or weekend immigration consultation legal clinics.
- Mentor volunteer attorneys and pro bono counsel through submission and adjudication of humanitarian applications.
- Conduct community outreach presentations on issues surrounding immigration. Some presentations may be in Spanish or languages other than English.
- Assist in administrative office tasks.
- Position is based out of our main Annandale office but requires travel to Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court throughout northern Virginia as well as EOIR in Arlington and the Arlington Asylum Office.

Qualifications:

- Active Virginia bar membership (or ability to waive in) required
- Spanish fluency required
- Excellent attention to detail
- Hard working, flexible, able to carry a heavy caseload and to work as a team member in a close-knit, small office with people of all backgrounds
- Desire to collaborate with diverse stakeholders engaging with immigrants
- Strong public speaking skills
- Passion for immigration, human-rights, and the non-profit sector
- Ability to work with volunteers
- Ability to work extensively with juvenile trauma victims and their families
- Valid driver's license required

Salary \$60,000+ contingent on experience and qualifications. Just Neighbors offers a flexible working environment as well as excellent benefits including generous vacation, health insurance, professional liability insurance, paid bar and AILA dues and a retirement pension plan. Just Neighbors is an Equal Opportunity Employer; we are committed to building a team that represents a variety of backgrounds, perspectives, and skills. We believe the more inclusive we are, the better we are able to serve the clients we reflect. We encourage applicants of all religions, genders, races, ethnicities, ages, physical abilities and sexual orientations.