



Legal Fellow

WE ARE -

The American Immigration Council is a non-profit organization established to increase public understanding of immigration law and policy, advocate for the just and fair administration of our immigration laws, protect the legal rights of noncitizens, and educate the public about the enduring contributions of America's immigrants.

The Council's legal team engages in impact litigation and appears as *amicus curiae* before administrative tribunals and federal courts to ensure that immigration law is interpreted and implemented in a manner that is sensible and humane. The legal team has established itself as a leader in litigation, information-sharing, and collaboration among immigration litigators across the country. The legal team is also one of the leading providers of legal resources for immigration advocates, including in-depth practice advisories, trainings and litigation strategy meetings.

YOUR ROLE -

The Legal Fellow will work with the Legal Director, fellow attorneys, the Council's policy team, and our legal assistant to:

- Pursue legal strategies and advocacy efforts to end family detention, including filing administrative complaints, liaising with government officials and working with the press;
- Contribute to the efforts of the CARA Family Detention Pro Bono Project on behalf of the Council;
- Represent the Council at meetings and national stakeholder phone calls related to family detention;
- Coordinate legal work nationally on family detention and other immigration law issues;
- Provide practice materials and litigation resources to immigration practitioners; and
- Help educate and mentor immigration practitioners.

This is a one-year, paid, fellowship. The position may be extended based upon performance, funding, and continued operational needs.

REQUIRED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE -

JD degree required. At least 3 years' experience in removal defense and/or immigration advocacy, ideally including familiarity with asylum issues.

YOUR BACKGROUND -

To be effective and successful in this position, you should possess the following knowledge, skills, and abilities:

- Commitment to the Council's mission.

- Strong interest in detention issues and dedicated commitment to public interest work.
- Excellent legal research and writing skills.
- Team player.
- Outstanding interpersonal skills, including active listening and problem solving skills.
- Demonstrated ability to think creatively and work strategically.
- Working knowledge and proficiency in MSOffice Suite (specifically MSWord, MS Excel, MS Outlook, and PowerPoint).
- Spanish proficiency preferred.

OUR WORKPLACE -

We offer a dynamic, challenging, rewarding, and collaborative work environment. We offer a competitive total compensation package (salary and benefits) commensurate with experience. Visit us online at www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org.

TO APPLY -

We encourage qualified applicants to submit **cover letter, resume and desired salary** to: *HRCouncil-LegalFellow* / hr@immcouncil.org / 202.783.7853, fax. Cover letter should include a summary of how your background, knowledge, skills and abilities relate to the responsibilities and requirements of the position, and also what attracts you to our dynamic organization.

Resumes received before April 29, 2016 will receive immediate consideration. Position is open until filled. Position is available starting on **June 6, 2016**.

Direct hire only – NO recruiters (mail, email, fax or phone).