

## **POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Position:** SIFI Direct Services Attorney  
**Location:** Folkston, GA  
**Program:** Immigrant Justice Project

### **Overview:**

The Southern Poverty Law Center's Southeast Immigrant Freedom Initiative (SIFI) provides high-quality pro bono legal representation to immigrants detained in the southeastern United States. By ensuring that skilled attorneys are available to protect detained immigrants' due process rights, the SIFI endeavors to win release from detention for immigrants with meritorious cases, and to aggressively defend detained immigrants from removal.

The Direct Services Attorney provides direct legal representation to detained individuals in custody and removal proceedings before the Folkston Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Processing Center accordance with the best practices and rules of conduct of the profession. The Direct Services attorney collaborates closely with the entire SIFI team, SIFI partners, allied organizations to support ongoing pro bono efforts, including developing potential federal litigation arising from removal defense work.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Provide, as the primary role, support, supervision, and mentorship to pro-bono attorneys who are appearing before the Immigration Courts on bond, master, motion, and other related hearings
- Provide direct counsel and representation to SIFI clients seeking bond, parole, and relief from removal
- Maintain accurate and complete case records through LawLab software for all SIFI clients at the Folkston ICE Processing Center in Folkston, GA
- Collaborate with attorneys, legal paraprofessionals, interpreters, and others in furtherance of the representation of SIFI clients
- Communicate with stakeholders, including other immigrant rights organizations, attorney membership organizations, and government authorities related to SIFI clients.

**Qualifications (Education and Related Work Experience):**

- JD from accredited university
- Membership in good standing in the bar of any state and/or the District of Columbia
- Bi-lingual, English/Spanish (conversational, speaking and writing)
- At least one year experience practicing before immigration courts preferred (including immigration court practice during law school through clinics, practicums, or internships/externships)
- Dedication to and experience working with low-income, immigrant clients
- Experience working within volunteer-based projects preferred
- Commitment to working long hours

**Other Special Considerations:**

- This job is performed under general office conditions and is not subject to any strenuous physical demands or dangerous conditions.
- All applicants should submit cover letter, resume, references, and legal writing sample.

**Duration:**

- 1 year, with the possibility of an extension.

**Disclaimer:**

The statements herein are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by the employee in this position. These statements are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required of a person in this position.

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