

Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest

Executive Director and Chief Litigation Counsel

The Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest (ACLPI) is a private, non-profit, public interest law firm dedicated to representing the people of Arizona on issues that affect us all, including:

- Fighting for adequate and equitable funding of public schools,
- Protecting the environment and promoting clean energy,
- Advocating for Arizona's most vulnerable populations, including foster children
- Working for lower utility rates for Arizona consumers
- Increasing and protecting access to health care, including mental health care,
- Holding the government accountable when it fails to follow the state and federal constitutions
- Working to protect our democracy, including defending and enforcing laws regarding
 - Campaign finance reform,
 - Open government
 - Protection of voting rights
 - Defending the direct democracy provisions of the Arizona Constitution

Since 1974, the Center has fought for individuals and groups who lack the power or money to advocate for their rights and hold the government accountable. For more information about ACLPI's mission and legal work, see www.aclpi.org.

ACLPI seeks to replace its retiring Executive Director and Chief Litigation Counsel. This position has the dual primary responsibilities of (1) managing the Center's advocacy efforts as lead litigation counsel, and (2) leading the Board's fundraising efforts through public, media, and community relations. This position also supervises the Center's staff, which includes two to three staff attorneys, one legal fellow, a fundraising/development coordinator, and a legal assistant, and oversees and/or undertakes recordkeeping, fiscal management, and grant writing functions. The Executive Director and Chief Litigation Counsel will be the primary liaison between the Board and the Center staff.

Minimum Requirements

The successful candidate must: (1) be committed to pursuing the Center's mission, including through fundraising efforts; (2) have significant litigation experience; and (3) be a member in good standing of the state bar where he/she is admitted to practice law; and (4) if not already licensed, be willing and able to obtain a license to practice law in Arizona.

Preferred Qualifications

The ideal candidate will have:

- At least eight years of trial and/or appellate experience;
- Experience in a supervisory role;
- Excellent advocacy skills, including legal research, oral, written, and analytical skills;
- Initiative, persistence, energy, and creativity;
- Excellent organizational skills;
- Ability to work with clients of diverse backgrounds, cultures, and orientations; and
- Capacity and willingness to communicate and work effectively with external audiences and to function as an effective spokesperson for clients and for the Center.

The position is located in the Phoenix metropolitan area. The starting salary for this position is \$140,000-\$160,000 and will be set based on experience. The Center provides excellent benefits, including health and long-term disability insurance, and the ability to participate in a 403(b) program.

To apply, please submit a letter of interest, including your relevant experience, any salary requirements, and a resume. At least three professional references will be requested before a final selection is made.