



PIRC
Pennsylvania Immigration
Resource Center

MANAGING ATTORNEY, DETENTION PROGRAMS

"PIRC is the link, it is the hope, it is the light that guides immigrants to safety."

-Michele Pistone, Villanova Law Director of Clinic for Asylum, Refugee, and Emigrant Services

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center (PIRC) is a non-profit legal services organization that provides legal services, advocacy and education for vulnerable immigrants in the community and detention, including survivors of torture, individuals with mental illness, families in detention, and victims of violence. **PIRC is searching for a full-time Managing Attorney, Detention Programs to join our team of passionate and dedicated professionals, working on the front lines to make a lasting difference. The Managing Attorney will play a pivotal leadership role in the organization, at a time when advocacy for immigrants in detention could not be more critical.** The Managing Attorney will manage all direct representation in the Detention Programs and report to the Executive Director.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintain a client caseload of detained individuals seeking relief from removal including representation before the York Immigration Court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and other federal agencies and including representation of individuals found incompetent and referred to PIRC through the National Qualified Representative Program.
- Maintain and navigate relationships with governmental agencies, nonprofit providers and other stakeholders.
- Manage and supervise five Detention Programs Staff Attorneys and one paralegal, supervising all legal services. Manage training for Detained Program staff. Assist in recruitment, training and supervision of law school interns.
- Assist in coordinating and managing PIRC's Pro Bono Program; provide training opportunities and CLEs, technical assistance, and mentoring to volunteer attorneys. Work with Executive Director to ensure compliance with contract and grant requirements.
- Support PIRC's LOP staff attorneys in conducting Know-Your-Rights presentations, individual intakes, and pro se workshops at the immigration detention centers, as needed.
- Support PIRC's outreach and community education and legal clinics.
- Other tasks as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Law degree and licensed to practice law before the bar of any state in the U.S.
- Proficiency in Spanish required.
- At least three to five years' experience practicing immigration law, experience in removal defense preferred.

- Strong management and interpersonal skills; experience in working with a wide range of government, nonprofit and private stakeholders.
- Passion for PIRC's mission and demonstrated commitment to public interest law and social justice.
- Strong sense of personal initiative and ability to manage multiple tasks without extensive supervision.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Excellent legal research and writing skills.

TYPE

Full-time Position; 40 hours per week

LOCATION

York, PA

Relocation Assistance is available through PIRC for those willing to relocate to help us advance our mission!

ABOUT YORK

Historic York County, located in the Susquehanna River Valley of South Central Pennsylvania, is a short drive from Lancaster, Harrisburg, and Baltimore, and within easy access to Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh, and New York City. With its low-cost living, the Susquehanna River Valley offers a quality of life, with [Harrisburg and Lancaster ranking in the top 20 places to live in the U.S.](#) More information can be found [here](#) and information about Lancaster County [here](#).

WHY PIRC

For immigrants in our community and in detention, the Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center (PIRC) provides a unique combination of immigration legal services, advocacy, and education that provide protections to the most vulnerable immigrants in Pennsylvania. PIRC is an experienced provider of free, accessible, multilingual immigration services that empower, protect, and transform lives.

The staff at PIRC is its greatest strength. At PIRC, staff work in a collaborative environment that encourages the sharing of ideas and victories, no matter the how large or small. PIRC offers a comprehensive benefits package including simple IRA, life insurance, health/dental/vision insurance, generous paid leave and flextime policies in a reflection of the organization's commitment to self-care. Members of PIRC are passionate, intelligent, and hardworking individuals all committed to the common cause of providing access to justice for immigrants.

TO APPLY

Please send a cover letter, resume, three references and a brief writing sample to Jessica Snyder, Office Manager, at jsnyder@pirclaw.org or to PIRC, Attn: Office Manager, P.O. Box 20339, York PA 17402.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until January 10, 2019 or until the position is filled. **Early submission highly encouraged.** The Hiring Committee will begin screening resumes upon receipt.

PIRC is an equal opportunity employer. We value a diverse workforce and an inclusive workplace. PIRC encourages applications from all qualified individuals, without regard to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status, or citizenship.