



STAFF ATTORNEY

IMMIGRANT SURVIVORS PROJECT – Western Region

"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 agency that serves vulnerable immigrants through free legal services, education, and advocacy. PIRC's Immigrant Survivors Project (ISP) offers victim-centered legal services to immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking through a mobile law office model of service delivery throughout Pennsylvania. The Staff Attorney will provide immigration legal assistance, direct representation, education, and outreach to immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking in the western Pennsylvania region to ensure their access to critical restorative victim services.

JOB PURPOSE AND ACTIVITIES

- Provide immigration legal assistance and representation to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking leveraging the protections allowed in law through VAWA, T-Visas, U-Visas, and related forms of immigration relief.
- Work in close partnership with local domestic violence/sexual assault agencies to ensure immigrant survivors have access to appropriate victim services.
- Provide referrals and individual advocacy for other community resources and benefits, as needed.
- Provide information to survivors about victim rights, victim compensation benefits, and the criminal justice system.
- Conduct outreach through participation in relevant community, task force, and stakeholder meetings; Maintain and cultivate relationships with program partners, governmental agencies, nonprofit providers, and other stakeholders.
- Participate in PIRC's legal clinics within the community, as needed.
- Work closely with the ISP Managing Attorney and Executive Director to ensure compliance with contract and grant requirements for PIRC's Programs.
- Other VOCA eligible tasks as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Law degree and licensed to practice law or pending application before the bar of any state in the U.S. required.
- Fluency in Spanish (both written and verbal) preferred.
- Experience with immigration law (particularly in VAWA, T-Visas, and U-Visas) preferred.
- Prior experience working with survivors of domestic violence or sexual assault preferred.

- Passion for PIRC's mission and demonstrated commitment to immigration issues and public interest law.
- 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.
- Ability to travel within multi- county service area to provide services.

TYPE

Exempt Position; full time - 40 hours per week

LOCATION

Office in Pittsburgh, PA; provide services to Pittsburgh, Erie, and surrounding counties

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

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, generous paid leave and flexible 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.

HOW 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.

DEADLINE

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until November 30, 2018 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.