

Title: Staff Attorney

Education/Qualifications: JD with 1-3 years of experience in immigration law — with a focus on humanitarian relief. Bar admission required

Salary: Commensurate with experience.

Location: Atlanta, GA

Type: Full-Time Position/Exempt

Job Description:

The Georgia Asylum & Immigration Network (GAIN), is a nonprofit organization with a mission of protecting and empowering immigrant survivors of crime and persecution. For over 15 years, GAIN has been a nonprofit leader in immigration legal services, providing critical legal and social service support to thousands of men, women, and children from over 118 countries around the world. GAIN's staff is currently working in a hybrid environment with COVID-19 vaccinations strongly encouraged, and vaccinations may be required in the future.

We are seeking an immigration attorney to provide direct legal representation to asylum seekers and survivors of human trafficking, domestic abuse, sexual violence, and other crimes.

This is a *unique* opportunity for someone who is passionate about serving vulnerable immigrant populations and committed to helping GAIN expand its provision of legal services.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Conduct client consultations and screen for immigration relief. Review and approve eligible cases to be placed with in-house or pro bono volunteers.
- Provide direct legal representation and advice to clients before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), who are pursuing legal relief, including but not limited to VAWA self-petitions, U and T Visas, I-751 Battered Spouse Waivers, I-765V applications, and Adjustment of Status.
- Assist with family reunification by providing direct representation to persons undergoing consular processing with the U.S. Department of State.
- Maintain up-to-date knowledge on changes in immigration law and procedures.
- Educate and provide technical assistance to community partners concerning immigration issues affecting survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

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- Provide legal orientation to GAIN clients through Know Your Rights (KYR) presentations and pro se materials to help them navigate the immigration system.
- Play a central role in informing GAIN's trauma-informed response to client needs; helping to improve processes, document-collecting, etc (as needed).
- Coordinate with the Center for Victims of Torture, Emory Medical School's Human Rights Clinic, and others to facilitate forensic evaluations to document physical and psychological trauma.
- Supervise legal support staff including: GAIN's paralegals and student interns.
- Work with GAIN's Navigator and other legal and social service partners to meet the holistic needs of GAIN's clients.
- Promote GAIN's mission by participating in local community events, conferences, and other meetings with local stakeholders and community partners.
- Assist in other GAIN projects as needed and perform tasks as required by supervising attorneys and staff.

Additional Qualifications:

The ideal candidate will be an effective communicator, have knowledge of immigration law and policies, and be sensitive to the needs of clients from a wide array of backgrounds and perspectives.

Spanish language proficiency ***strongly preferred***; other relevant language skills will be considered.

This is an ideal position for someone who is committed to furthering the safety and stability of immigrant survivors of torture and trauma. To learn more about GAIN, please visit us at www.georgiaasylum.org

How to Apply:

To apply for this position, please email cover letter and resume to: jobs@georgiaasylum.org

Please apply by August 1, 2022

GAIN is an equal opportunity employer. We strongly encourage and seek applications from people of color, including bilingual and bi-cultural, and LGBTQIA+ individuals. We are dedicated to providing a work environment free from discrimination and harassment, and where employees are treated with respect and dignity.