



SEEKING EXPERIENCED ATTORNEY TO FILL POSITION AS CO-DIRECTOR OF LITIGATION AT NON-PROFIT LEGAL CENTER IN BERKELEY, CA

[Disability Rights Advocates](#) (DRA), a national non-profit disability rights legal center specializing in precedent-setting and socially significant civil litigation, is seeking an experienced attorney to join its senior management as Co-Director of Litigation. Qualified candidates should have at least ten (10) years experience in complex civil litigation, and be prepared to oversee all aspects of a wide range of cases, including case development, litigation, settlement, media, and appellate level work. The Co-Director of Litigation will independently supervise teams of attorneys and paralegals. The position is based in our Berkeley, Calif. Headquarters office.

DRA is dedicated to treating everyone with dignity and respect. We believe that teamwork, life quality, open intellectual discourse, and good human relationships foster the highest level of professionalism and job satisfaction. We are a 14 lawyer organization: small enough to have a congenial and supportive environment; big enough to take on the toughest cases.

In the past 18 years, our organization has successfully litigated more class-action disability rights cases resulting in systemic change than any other legal center in America. DRA handles a wide range of issues such as access to transportation, education, employment, public accommodations and services, recreation, insurance and health care. We represent populations with many different types of disabilities. We take on cases that involve major commercial entities and public agencies whose policies and practices impact millions of people across the country.

Recently, we have won national cases affirming the rights of veterans to mental health services, the obligation of major cities, such as Los Angeles, to meet the need of people with disabilities in disaster planning and we are actively engaged in litigation to assure that New York City's new taxi fleet will be accessible to people with mobility disabilities. These are just a few of the ground-breaking cases we are handling. Please check our website – www.drlegal.org – for more information regarding our wide-ranging caseload and practice areas.

DRA is an exciting and fulfilling place to work, with exceptional attorneys and support staff, a diverse and committed Board of Directors, and an excellent management team. DRA is a place where your legal skills will help to transform the world.

Requirements

- Commitment to a long-term leadership role in a public interest civil rights organization
- Proven record of leadership within an organization or firm practicing complex civil litigation including class action cases
- Ability to independently supervise all aspects of complex litigation
- Knowledge of substantive and procedural aspects of complex civil litigation
- Experience with case development, discovery (documents and depositions), law and motion practice, trial preparation and trial work, settlement, media and appellate advocacy
- Ability to manage co-counsel relationships
- Excellent academic credentials and analytical and writing skills
- Strong organizational skills, self-motivation, and creativity
- California Bar admission
- Willingness to travel for case work and to work in New York City offices from time to time
- Desire to change the world

Preference will be given to individuals with a demonstrated commitment to public interest. Experience with disability issues helpful but not essential. DRA is an equal opportunity employer and values diversity. Salary DOE plus excellent benefits.

Please send resume along with 3 references (with contact information) and cover letter to:

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Disability Rights Advocates is a non-profit legal center which, for nearly twenty years, has specialized in high-impact class action litigation on behalf of people with all types of disabilities. DRA litigates nationally and has offices in New York City and Berkeley, California.