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The Arizona Justice Project (“AJP”), a nonprofit organization, is dedicated to seeking justice for the innocent and correcting cases of manifest injustice in the Arizona criminal justice system. With a mission to seek justice for the marginalized and forgotten, the AJP provides *pro bono* legal representation to indigent individuals who have been wrongfully convicted in Arizona.

In Arizona, the vast number of people in prison seeking help to prove their innocence in the post-conviction setting do not have a right to an attorney nor can they afford one. In the AJP’s eighteen years of operation, the AJP has secured the release of 19 individuals in Arizona who were wrongly convicted or suffered a manifest injustice. There is an ongoing need for the legal services of the AJP, as well as a need to examine how these wrongful convictions occurred and improve the system to prevent such injustices from continuing to occur.

We are currently seeking a full-time **Staff Attorney** to assist in case review, investigation and post-conviction litigation proceedings.

Title: Staff Attorney
Position Type: Full-Time, Salaried
Salary: \$60,000+ (based on experience)
Benefits: Health Insurance, PTO, and Holiday Pay

Duties and Responsibilities

- Investigate criminal cases in the post-conviction setting where the prisoner is claiming he or she is innocent
- Gather and review entire case records (trial records, appellate records, police reports, lab reports, etc.) to understand the case, facts at trial, and procedural history
- Identify routes of investigation and/or analysis of physical evidence and expert review necessary to uncover evidence that supports a claim of innocence
- Communicate with the inmates, defense attorneys, prosecutors, witnesses, and others involved in a case
- Consult with experts in various scientific and medical fields
- Draft and litigate motions for access to evidence and DNA testing, if applicable
- Draft and prepare legal memorandum, post-conviction pleadings for state and/or federal court, and Petitions for Review, as needed
- Litigate cases including representation at an evidentiary hearing or oral argument before the trial court, court of appeals, and/or supreme court
- Oversee law-students assisting on cases
- Regularly communicate with the AJP staff about the status of cases

Minimum Qualifications

- Admission to the Arizona State Bar
- At least 3 years of legal practice experience
- Demonstrates excellent communications skills, both written and oral, ability to effectively articulate information
- An understanding and dedication to the AJP's work and to indigent representation
- Ability to work both independently without close oversight, but also a team player who is able to work collaboratively with others
- Strong organizational and time management skills; ability to set and meet deadlines
- Intelligence and sound judgment necessary for interacting with inmates, attorneys, students, and others from a wide variety of backgrounds
- Spanish speaking and experience in post-conviction litigation is a plus

Deadline: February 20, 2017

How to Apply

Please send a Cover Letter, CV, three work-related references, and a short writing sample to info@azjusticeproject.org, describing your interest in this position and the ways in which you satisfy the qualifications specified above. Include "**Staff Attorney Application**" in the subject line of your email. Applicants selected for an interview will be contacted once the application deadline has passed.

To learn more about the Arizona Justice Project, please visit: www.azjusticeproject.org.

The Arizona Justice Project is an equal opportunity employer. We value a diverse workforce and an inclusive culture. We encourage applications from all qualified individuals without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identify or expression, age, national origin, marital status, citizenship, disability and veteran status.