

South Dakota Voices for Peace (SDVFP) seeks a Staff Attorney to carry out direct legal services to children in immigration court, and families impacted by separation policies at the southern border, who are living in South Dakota as well as public education to immigrant communities. The Staff Attorney must be a self-motivated advocate with a passion for justice and equality and experienced in working with multilingual, vulnerable clients. This position is based in Sioux Falls, SD. Under the supervision of the Executive Director, the Staff Attorney will represent children and families through the immigration process, including immigration court work. The Staff Attorney will also present trainings to impacted communities to understand the immigration process and Know Your Rights. Immigration Court is in Fort Snelling, MN.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Conduct intakes, legal research, fact development, work with multilingual clients, draft and file immigration filings, affidavits, briefs, prepare clients for interviews and court proceedings.
- Represent clients through immigration court proceedings and understand EOIR practices and procedures.
- Stay abreast of all policy and rule changes in immigration law.
- Work with case manager to develop sound strategies in case management.
- Work with colleagues to develop public education materials and communication strategies.
- Conduct presentations in multilingual communities by articulating the interests and position of SDVFP.
- Work with SD Voices for Justice lobbyists to advance the goals of SD Voices and coalition partners on goals of immigration. Support legislative advocacy with legal and policy analysis.
- Demonstrate a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace using a personal approach that values all individuals and respects differences in race, ethnicity, age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, religion, ability, and socio-economic circumstance.
- Commit to work collaboratively and respectfully toward resolving obstacles and/or conflicts.
- Travel as required.

This is a full-time position with salary commensurate with experience. Health benefits; generous paid holidays; flexible schedule an option; AILA membership, malpractice insurance and SD Bar dues included.

Qualifications:

- Demonstrated commitment to the mission and goals of SD Voices for Peace and SD Voices for Justice.
- J.D. degree and 1-3 years experience in the legal field.
- Licensed to practice law in any U.S. jurisdiction with the ability to join the South Dakota Bar (willing to take the next bar examination or waive in).
- Passionate commitment to and familiarity with immigrants' rights, racial and social justice, and state issues around immigration.
- Demonstrated ability to work with vulnerable clients.
- Demonstrated ability to work with multilingual clients and interpreters.
- Fluency in Spanish (written and spoken) preferred but not necessary.
- Proven ability to work independently as well as within a team.
- Excellent interpersonal and verbal communication skills.

To Apply:

Email a one page cover letter with salary requirements, resume and one writing sample (1000 word max) in **one PDF file** to Executive Director, Taneeza Islam taneeza@southdakotavoicesforpeace.org
Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.



The mission of South Dakota Voices for Peace is to provide public education, legal services, and advocacy to counter Islamophobia, anti-immigrant, anti-refugee bigotry in order to nurture informed, civically engaged and inclusive communities. We value a diverse workforce and an inclusive culture. SD Voices for Peace encourages applications from all qualified individuals without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national origin, marital status, citizenship, disability, and veteran status. South Dakota Voices for Justice is a sister organization providing direct lobbying services.