

Rule of Law/ Freedom of Expression Lawyer

About this Job Opportunity:

The Southern Africa Litigation Centre seeks a senior lawyer to head its Rule of Law and Freedom of Expression work. These programmes work to advance human rights and promote and protect the rule of law and rights to freedom of expression and association in southern Africa. SALC aims to support legal cases before domestic courts, training and facilitating legal networks throughout the region and high level advocacy. Working under the direction of the Executive Director and the Litigation Director, the Programme Lawyer will be responsible for carrying out SALC's legal work and advocacy related to freedom of expression and association in the region.

In particular, the Programme Lawyer is responsible for:

- Developing and coordinating legal cases on rule of law, access to justice and freedom of expression and related issues;
- Conducting legal and factual research and drafting reports for advocacy purposes;
- Conducting advocacy with respect to specific legal cases, including engaging in media advocacy;
- Organising and convening meetings, trainings and conferences on key issues and representing SALC at relevant meetings and conferences.
- Providing and monitoring technical and monetary support to local lawyers and organisations for on-going legal cases;
- Developing relationships with local lawyers and non-governmental organisations;

Requirements/Qualifications:

- A degree in law is required; LL.M and other advanced degrees are highly desirable;
- Proven interest and experience in human rights issues generally;
- A minimum of five years litigation experience;
- Proven interest and experience in either freedom of expression and association, rule of law or access to justice issues;
- Excellent knowledge of international and regional human rights laws and instruments;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Ability to work in a multi-cultural environment;
- Experience in or familiarity with non-profit, governmental or intergovernmental organisations;
- Excellent legal and factual research skills including online sources;
- French or Portuguese language skills is desirable

Strong organisational skills and attention to detail; Willingness to travel extensively;

Preference will be given to lawyers from the southern African region.

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest and a detailed CV (without copies of degrees or testimonials) to applications@salc.org.za by **16th January 2018**. In the subject line of your e-mail, please insert “**Application: Rule of Law / Freedom of Expression Programme Lawyer**”.

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Employer: Southern Africa Litigation Centre

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Salary:

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