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STAFF ATTORNEY JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Southern Center for Human Rights (SCHR) invites applications for a Staff Attorney to join its Impact Litigation Unit. SCHR's Impact Litigation Unit challenges unconstitutional practices of the criminal justice system through federal and state litigation in Alabama and Georgia. The Unit's docket currently includes cases on behalf of people who are poor and are being denied attorneys for their criminal cases, men incarcerated in a maximum security prison who are being subjected to unacceptably high levels of violence, and people detained in jails in overcrowded and deplorable conditions.

The Staff Attorney will join the six-member Impact Litigation Unit, consisting of three attorneys and three paralegal/investigators. Responsibilities include: developing and extensively investigating cases for litigation; building relationships with clients and witnesses; working collaboratively with other SCHR attorneys and investigators on cases in all stages of federal and state litigation; and responding to requests for assistance from people in prisons and jails and their families.

The candidate must have excellent writing and oral advocacy skills and a proven ability to think strategically and creatively about litigation. SCHR seeks an attorney who takes initiative, responds to rapidly changing demands with flexibility, has skill and comfort working collaboratively with a team, and ably balances working on multiple cases and assignments at once. A positive demeanor and excellent interpersonal skills are desired. The successful applicant will have a demonstrated commitment to working with the poor and communities of color and a keen awareness of the class and racial issues underlying the criminal justice system.

Applicants with litigation experience are strongly preferred. SCHR seeks a commitment of at least three years. Applicants must be willing to travel extensively in Georgia and Alabama. A driver's license is required. Salary is commensurate with experience, within SCHR's modest salary range.

Interested candidates should send a résumé, writing sample, and the names and telephone numbers of three references via e-mail (with "SCHR Attorney Posting" as the subject line) by **December 4, 2009** to: Renée Myers, Southern Center for Human Rights, rmyers@schr.org. No phone calls.

The Southern Center for Human Rights is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. People of color are strongly encouraged to apply.