### SLAC Steering Committee – Application Pack

**Start date:** June 2024

**Working Hours:** Part time voluntary post meeting 4 times a year for 120 minutes per meeting, plus attendance at quarterly SLAC meetings.

**Location:** Remote

**Reports to:** Senior Legal Projects Manager

**Salary:** Unpaid

**Number of roles:** 6

**Application Process**

Please submit an application form and equal opportunities monitoring form. In your application please provide details and examples of how you meet the essential criteria.

Please submit your application to slac@ilpa.org.uk no later than **5pm on 28 May 2024.**

Appointment to these roles will be based solely on the application and interviews will not be conducted.

**About the Strategic Legal Advice Committee**

SLAC started as a pilot project in London in April 2022, in response to the Nationality and Borders Act and in recognition of the increasingly important role that strategic litigation is playing in the fight to challenge injustice.

SLAC creates a space for legal experts to meet with NGOs in the asylum, refugee and migrant sector to discuss legal remedies, including strategic litigation, for the emerging and existing issues faced by their clients. The meetings foster knowledge and idea sharing, relationship building, and collaboration around strategic legal work. SLAC also delivers a training programme on strategic litigation.

We have funding from The Legal Education Foundation to develop SLAC groups around the UK to address regional issues, and Scotland is the first place outside of the original London group that we have set up.

**About the role**

The post provides an opportunity to contribute strategically to supporting the NGO and legal sector working on migrants’ rights in the UK. You will be integral to the development of a more collaborative approach to strategic litigation, with the aim of the sector being more coordinated in its strategic work. You will gain a comprehensive understanding of the broad concerns and themes from across the migration sector. Through the development of the SLAC training programme you will be part of a drive to increase capacity and build confidence around strategic litigation for NGOs and other charitable organisations who have not previously engaged in strategic litigation.

The SLAC Steering Committee will comprise of individuals with expertise in areas of immigration, asylum, nationality, housing, welfare benefits, asylum support and public law, both in a legal and policy focused capacity.

**About you**

The ideal candidate will be someone who wishes to make a positive contribution to the wider migration sector and is dedicated to the aims and objectives of the Strategic Legal Advice Committee. Working knowledge of strategic litigation is not essential but you must be willing to learn, take part in constructive discussion, and be confident in your decision making abilities. You must be punctual, reliable, and take a proactive approach to your voluntary commitments.

**Main Tasks:**

* Attending SLAC Steering Committee meetings;
* Maintaining effective communication with SLAC’s Legal Officer and responding to requests in a timely manner;
* Make recommendations to ILPA on the direction and development of SLAC to ensure it continues to develop to meet the sector’s needs;
* Provide advice and guidance on furthering sector collaboration around strategic litigation;
* Provide recommendations on agenda items, SLAC members, and the SLAC training programme;
* Engage with the wider evaluation of the project;
* Inform ILPA of any significant developments in the sector which may affect the work of SLAC or the areas in which it has an interest in working;
* Attend quarterly SLAC meetings.

**Person Specification**

**Essential**

1. Good working knowledge of systems that intersect with immigration such as housing, benefits, asylum support, trafficking and access to justice;
2. Proven experience of working with others, including external stakeholders, to reach consensus and make effect decisions;
3. Proven experience of effective, mutually respectful and constructive communication;
4. An understanding of strategic litigation and a commitment to the aims of the Strategic Legal Advice Committee, namely fostering collaboration, and building capacity and confidence around strategic litigation;
5. Punctual, reliable, and takes a proactive approach to voluntary commitment;
6. Able to commit to attending and engaging in Committee meetings, and championing SLAC and it’s aims in the sector.

We would welcome applications from NGOs, community and grassroots groups, and legal practitioners in the refugee, asylum and migration sector.

We strive to be an inclusive recruiter. We would particularly encourage applications from individuals from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds and also those from under-represented groups, including, but not limited to, people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds and those with lived experience of migration.