

Meet my housing advisor, Parisa Ijadi-Maghsoodi



Parisa Ijadi-Maghsoodi practiced poverty law across the State of California since 2010. She obtained her J.D. from the University of California—Davis School of Law, and her Bachelor of Science from the University of Michigan.

She currently serves as the Assistant Director of Public Service at University of San Diego School of Law where she helps the next generation of poverty attorneys launch their social justice careers, and serves as an adviser to the USD Law National Lawyers Guild Chapter.

From 2014-2017, she served as San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program's Pro Bono Manager and Supervising Attorney, where she managed pro bono projects, recruited pro bono attorneys to increase access to justice, oversaw civil legal services for homeless veterans and persons with HIV/AIDS, and supervised attorneys on cases impacting human rights: public benefits, health law, homelessness, disability discrimination, and affordable housing policy.

From 2012-2014, she served as the Managing Attorney of Legal Services of Northern California's (LSNC) statewide elder law office overseeing statewide civil legal assistance to 2,000 low-income seniors each year. Before that, she served as Director for the Western States Pension Assistance Project representing low-wage workers in federal ERISA cases in California, Arizona, Nevada, and Hawaii.

In 2010, through President Obama's Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program she represented low-income families in eviction and public benefit cases in LSNC's rural Ukiah office, and organized the first of now-annual naturalization workshops for indigent legal permanent residents in rural Lake and Mendocino Counties.

She served a three-year appointment to the State Bar's Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services, and currently serves as a volunteer member of the State Bar Access to Justice Commission's Pro Bono Coordinating Committee. She is a member of the National Lawyers Guild, a mediator, and accredited to represent veterans before the VA. She is a Huffington Post contributor, a panel author for Urbdezine, and her race equity and housing articles have been published in Planetizen. She has served on the California Elder Justice Coalition where she drafted elder abuse legislation, and was Co-Chair of Legal Aid Association of California's Senior Legal Services Section.