

Director of Legal Affairs –Compassion and Choices – Washington DC or Portland, OR

The Director of Legal Affairs (Director) is responsible for the tactical development and day-to-day management of the legal advocacy program and the conduct of legal actions for the purpose of social impact. This includes integration and interface between the legal program and communications, field and legislative advocacy, and end-of-life resources. The Director of Legal Affairs serves on the Program Management Team (PMT), participates in organizational planning across program areas, and initiates litigation and other major projects with the consensus approval of the PMT. The Director represents clients in state and federal court, administrative proceedings, and other legal actions as an employee and agent of Compassion & Choices. He/she enters into retainer agreements and co-counsel agreements in the capacity of Compassion & Choices Director of Legal Affairs and with the purpose of furthering the mission of Compassion & Choices, impacting medical practice at the end of life, and ultimately affecting social change.

As unique circumstances and opportunities arise, the Director may participate in the conduct of a legal action as the sole attorney representing Compassion & Choices or another client, or in the capacity of co-counsel with staff or cooperating attorneys at the ACLU or other legal advocacy organization, or members of the Bar in private practice in a target jurisdiction. Decisions on the conduct of a case remain the sole responsibility of the attorneys involved, but they may be influenced by considerations of public interest and furtherance of the mission of C&C insofar as those considerations do not conflict with the interests of the client(s).

The Director is responsible for advising the organization in management of the legal risks of Compassion & Choices. He/she conducts periodic risk assessments of Administrative, Human Resources and programmatic functions, especially end-of-life consultation and volunteer deployment and participates in ongoing efforts to mitigate those risks. The Director engages, coordinates, and supervises outside counsel retained to represent Compassion & Choices, its employees, or volunteers. The Director advises the President and Chief-level staff on ways to further the legal and fiscal integrity of the organization. The Director provides legal analysis as required to determine the impact of a proposed or pending bill, policy or rule, or to assess the merits of a proposed lawsuit. The Director may recruit and supervise law students to perform research and other functions.

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