

# AARON HALEGUA, PLLC

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## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

Aaron Halegua, PLLC is seeking a full-time paralegal/research assistant to work in its office in downtown Manhattan. The applicant may start on February 1, 2020 or any time thereafter.

Aaron Halegua, PLLC is a private public interest law firm in New York City with a focus on international and domestic labor issues and human rights, particularly in Asia and China. The firm represents clients in litigation, consults for non-profits and foundations, and engages in policy research and advocacy work. Mr. Halegua, the firm's founder, is a research fellow at NYU Law School's U.S.-Asia Law Institute and Center for Labor and Employment Law.

### **Past Cases, Projects, and Publications**

- Mr. Halegua has represented low-wage and immigrant workers in numerous litigations, including serving as lead trial counsel in the [Babi Nails](#) case.
- He has consulted for Apple, the International Labor Organization, Ford Foundation, Asia Society Policy Institute, SEIU, Brown University, and other groups on labor issues in China, Thailand, Myanmar and Mexico.
- He has been quoted in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Associated Press*, *Economist*, *Bloomberg*, *Voice of America*, *Buzzfeed*, and many other media outlets.
- Mr. Halegua has published numerous books chapters, articles, and op-eds about labor issues.

More detailed information about Mr. Halegua's past work is available on his [website](#).

### **Ongoing Cases, Projects, and Publications**

Some of the firm's ongoing projects in which the applicant can expect to participate include:

- Forced labor litigation. Representing seven Chinese construction workers in a federal lawsuit alleging they were trafficked to the island of Saipan, part of a U.S. Commonwealth in the Pacific Ocean. (The case has been reported on by the [NPR](#), [Associated Press](#), [Financial Times](#), [Forbes](#), [The Telegraph](#), [New York Times](#), and numerous other media outlets.)
- Sexual harassment law in China. Partnering with the International Labor Rights Forum to produce a report on how to improve and implement workplace sexual harassment law in China.
- China's Belt and Road Initiative. Conducting a research project that looks at labor issues that have arisen in the context of China's overseas investments, including as part of the Belt and Road Initiative. The firm is also drafting a chapter on the Belt and Road Initiative for a book about significant events in the history of Chinese labor relations.

- **Human trafficking research.** Writing a book chapter on human trafficking in the construction sector throughout the history of the United States.

### **Applicant Responsibilities**

The applicant will assist in all aspects of the above litigation and research projects as well as the general operation of the firm. Some specific responsibilities may include:

- Interviewing/communicating with clients in Chinese (written and spoken) about the details of the case or developments in the litigation.
- Analyzing documents in Chinese and English provided by the defendants in this case.
- Research, editing, proofreading tasks related to the firm's academic and policy publications.
- Writing and publishing original articles on topics related to the firm's work.
- Discussing and implementing human rights advocacy strategies.

### **Qualifications and Application**

Applicants should possess the following qualifications:

- Bachelor's or Master's degree.
- Native-level fluency in English and advanced proficiency in Chinese.
- Excellent organizational skills and high attention to detail.
- Ability to work independently while managing multiple tasks.
- Proficiency in using Google Drive/Docs, Microsoft Word, and Microsoft Excel.

In order to apply, the applicant should send the following materials to [ah@aaronhalegua.com](mailto:ah@aaronhalegua.com) with the subject heading "Job Application":

- Cover letter describing the applicant's interest in and qualifications for the position, including an explanation of their Chinese language abilities.
- Resume or CV.
- Transcript from college and, if applicable, master's degree.
- Two writing samples.
- Contact information of at least three references, including at least one work-related reference.

Please contact Aaron Halegua ([ah@aaronhalegua.com](mailto:ah@aaronhalegua.com)) with any inquiries or questions.