



*Want to make a difference?*

## Senior Citizens' Law Office, Inc. (SCLO)

Legal Assistance, Education & Advocacy for Older New Mexicans

### **Board Opportunity**

**The Senior Citizens' Law Office, Inc. (SCLO)** Board of Directors is actively seeking passionate, diverse and experienced Board Members to help guide the organization as it expands to meet the needs of New Mexico's rapidly aging population.

#### Our Mission

The mission of SCLO is to provide critically needed advocacy and legal representation to residents sixty years or age and older in order to uphold their rights, maximize their autonomy and ensure that they receive the benefits to which they are entitled.

Pursuant to Older Americans Act guidelines, SCLO gives special priority to seniors who are economically needy, socially isolated, medically frail and institutionalized.

#### Our Programs

- Direct legal representation, limited representation, and brief advice.
- Community legal education through presentations and workshops.
- General Legal Clinics in the Community.
- Systemic advocacy.
- Case referrals from the Aging & Long-Term Services Dept. (ALTSD) for legal assistance.
- Case referrals from Adult Protective Services for abused, neglected, and exploited seniors for legal assistance.

#### What Makes SCLO Unique

SCLO is dedicated to protecting the rights of seniors - including their rights to health, safety and independence. Founded in 1983 as a non-profit 501(C)(3)

corporation under the Older Americans Act, SCLO has spent the last 40 years providing individual and systemic advocacy for eligible clients aged 60 and older. Housed in Albuquerque, SCLO has expanded to serve Central New Mexico, and now accepts state-wide referrals from ALTSD.

SCLO is the only organization to provide free, direct legal services and advocacy for older New Mexicans in the State.

## Serve on the Board

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SCLO Board Members have the opportunity of working collaboratively to direct and support a critical resource for New Mexico's aging population. Highly collegial, the board consists of lawyers, professionals, and community members.

## SCLO Needs you if...

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- You are passionate about serving New Mexico's elder population.
- You have the time and energy to spend 3-5 hours a month doing Board work—attending Board meetings, participating in committee work, and fundraising.
- You are motivated to support program and fund development.

### **We are especially interested in talking with you if:**

- You have a background in non-profit work and you are ready to bring your experience and insight to SCLO.
- You have experience in finance/accounting, HR, commercial leases, or fundraising.
- You are interested in serving in an elected position in future years.
- You bring a focus on equity, inclusion and diversity.

## Next Steps

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SCLO Board Members are elected to serve three two-year terms.

Interested candidates: Please complete the application and email it, along with any supporting documents, to Administrative Director Kathy at [kheyman@sclonm.org](mailto:kheyman@sclonm.org).

Candidates will be vetted by the Board of Directors.

SCLO Board Members serve without pay.