CANDIDATE ATTORNEYS

The Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa (SERI) Law Clinic wishes to fill up to two vacancies for candidate attorneys (CAs).

These vacancies will arise on or after 1 January 2026.

The SERI Law Clinic has a first-rate human rights practice, which encompasses constitutional and administrative law, criminal defence, defamation, labour law, property law, contract law (insofar as it involves consumer protection) and actions against the police and other delictual claims. SERI concentrates its work in South Africa's townships, informal settlements and other poor and marginalised communities. SERI's practitioners appear regularly at all levels of the court system, up to and including the Constitutional Court. SERI has an enviable track record in obtaining and enforcing ground-breaking judgments. You can find out more about SERI on www.seri-sa.org

SERI is authorised by the Legal Practice Council to accept and train CAs. CAs are recruited for a fixed term of two years, leading to qualification and admission as an attorney. These posts carry salaries in the region of R305 000. 00 per annum.

The requirements for the positions are as follows - Essential

- LLB Degree.
- Interest in and, some prior engagement with, human rights law or litigation.

Desirable

- Interest in, and experience of, research and publication.
- Fluency in any of South Africa's indigenous languages.
- Be prepared to work outside the ordinary working hours and with previously disadvantaged communities.

SERI wishes to contribute to the development of a new generation of human rights lawyers at the national and international level. Accordingly, the positions carry with them significant opportunities for travel and continuing professional training and development.

If you are interested, please send a CV, academic transcript and covering letter to Princess Nkuna at princessn@seri-sa.org In your letter, provide a detailed explanation of why you are interested in working for SERI, and what qualities and experience you would bring to the post.

Generalised covering letters, which do not engage with SERI's activities and purpose, will not be considered.

The closing date for applications is Thursday, 31 July 2025. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and will be expected to make themselves available for interview in August or September 2025.