Housing Staff Attorney – Temporary (1 Year) - Kingston, NY
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

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Schedule Type: Full-Time

About Us

For more than 50 years, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) has been providing free, high-quality legal counsel in civil matters when basic human needs are at stake including: eviction and foreclosure prevention, domestic violence, disability, elder law, healthcare, consumer fraud and more. Our services support almost 600,000 poor and low-income families and individuals who cannot afford an attorney in our seven-county service area. With the gap separating those who can and cannot afford legal representation widening each day, we work to ensure that everyone has equal access to justice, regardless of their ability to pay. As the only provider of comprehensive civil legal services in the lower and mid-Hudson Valley (Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Rockland, Orange, Ulster and Sullivan), LSHV is proud to have handled over 12,000 cases impacting nearly 27,500 household members including 10,000 children last year. LSHV is made up of ten offices, and a dedicated and highly skilled staff of attorneys, paralegals and administrative professionals.

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley is proud to be an equal opportunity employer that celebrates our employees' differences. Applicants of diverse race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability and veteran status, are strongly encouraged to apply. Our differences make us better.

Position Description

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) has an immediate opening in its Kingston, NY office for a full-time, temporary (1 year) staff attorney to work on housing matters. The attorney will also serve low-income individuals and families with matters including eviction, unlawful lockouts, habitability issues and succession rights challenges. As many of our clients have protected housing or have specialized housing vouchers, the work will include section 8 and other hearings on voucher changes or terminations. The position will cover Ulster County.

Duties of the Position: individual case work, administrative advocacy and litigation in city courts and justice courts, including appellate practice, and education and outreach efforts directed at community members, advocates and service providers. The person hired will also be expected to adhere to program and case handling standards, funder requirements, the highest professional standards, and be available as a resource to LSHV staff and access to justice communities. Occasional appearances in night court pertaining to housing matters, will be required.

Qualifications

- Member in good standing of the New York State Bar; admission to Federal court, a plus;
- Understanding of the nature and dynamics of housing and benefits;
- Ability to handle a large caseload;
- Excellent people skills;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Ability to work effectively with a diverse group of stakeholders;
- Valid Driver License and access to own vehicle.

Preferred

- Two or more years of legal experience, including litigation, preferably with background in housing;
- Demonstrated commitment to serving low-income persons with prior experience in legal services or similar program

Salary: DOE, union scale, with excellent benefits.

Please apply at our career center and include cover letter, resume, writing sample and three references:

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"I treasure the opportunity to work with colleagues whom I respect and admire. It is an honor to work at Legal Services of the Hudson Valley. With every court appearance, every client meeting, every negotiation with opposing counsel, every brief I submit, I take great pride in promoting justice, leveling the playing field for our clients and advocating with every fiber of my being for our clients." LSHV Staff Attorney