

Staff Attorney- Immigration Attorney- Kingston, NY Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

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Job Type: Staff Attorney- Immigration

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 dedicated to building a highly skilled workforce that reflects the diverse communities we serve and where everyone feels empowered to bring their authentic selves to work. We are committed to racial justice and promoting equity for all, and we continuously review and strengthen our processes and practices to empower our staff, clients and the communities we serve. Respect is a cornerstone of relationships among our staff. Our affinity groups are self-directed and provide a space for members to support one another and their shared vision. We encourage applications from people of all identities.

Position Description

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) has an immediate opening in our Kingston, New York, office for a full time Staff Attorney to work with clients who are victims of domestic violence on immigration matters. Matters include: VAWA Self-Petitions, Battered Spouse Waivers, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, U-Visas, T-Visas, Removal Defense, Asylum, Naturalization and other immigration remedies that assist victims of crime. The Scope of Work may also include appearances in Immigration court and/or Family Court. The attorney will serve clients in the upper-Hudson Valley region of LSHV's service area.

Duties of the Position: Individual client representation, litigation in state and federal courts as well as administrative hearings and appellate practice. The person hired will be expected to handle a high-volume case load in an often fast paced and demanding environment. Participation in community legal education and outreach activities directed at community members, advocates and service providers. Additionally, 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.

Requirements

- Admission to the New York State Bar or passed the NY bar and awaiting admission; or out of state admission with eligibility for pro hac vice status;
- One or more years of legal experience, preferably in immigration, including litigation and handling high volume caseload;
- Excellent people skills;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Ability to handle high stress situations;
- Ability to work effectively with a diverse group of stakeholders; and
- Valid driver's license and own transportation

Preferred

- Demonstrated commitment to serving low-income persons with prior experience in legal services or similar program;
- English/Spanish bi-lingual strongly preferred

Salary: Competitive union scale, with excellent benefits. After a probationary period, this position may permit work from home.

Upon commencing employment at LSHV, candidates will be required to show proof of either being fully vaccinated against COVID-19, or produce, on a weekly basis, a negative COVID-19 test. Fully vaccinated is defined as two weeks after having completed a sequence of FDA approved COVID-19 vaccinations, followed by an FDA approved Covid-19 booster shot.

Reasonable accommodations will be considered on a case-by-case basis for exemptions to this requirement in accordance with applicable law.

Please apply through this link and include cover letter, resume, writing sample and three references.

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Legal Services of the Hudson Valley is a proud equal opportunity employer. People of all races, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability and veteran status, are strongly encouraged to apply.