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JOB POSTING **FAMILY/IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY—NEW LONDON, CT** **March 29, 2019**

Connecticut Legal Services, Inc. (CLS) seeks to fill an attorney position with an initial assignment covering both the following areas of law: Family and Immigration, in the CLS New London office.

CLS seeks applicants who will use their legal training to improve the lives of low-income people and further CLS' holistic and client-centered work. CLS lawyers represent families and individuals in administrative hearings, and in state and federal courts, as well as (in various settings) advocating for changes in laws and systems to benefit low-income communities. CLS encourages lawyers addressing complex or systemic client issues to work in teams, which may include other legal services lawyers and/or other local community agencies.

The attorneys will receive extensive training in the area(s) of law assigned and will be expected to:

- maintain an active caseload of representation and advice cases which will require regular court appearances, and administrative hearings, as appropriate;
- conduct community outreach and coordinate with other social service agencies working with our clients; and
- help identify larger trends and issues for our clients, and work to develop strategies to respond to those trends and issues.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Deep and demonstrated commitment to advocacy on behalf of low-income, vulnerable, and marginalized communities, and to CLS' mission, vision, goals, and values;
- Spanish language fluency;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, including the ability to write persuasively and clearly and the ability to communicate effectively with diverse populations;
- Demonstrated ability both to collaborate closely with colleagues and also to work independently when necessary;
- Creativity and flexibility in solving problems and meeting challenges;
- A J.D. and current good standing to practice law in Connecticut as of July 1, 2019.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience and training engaging sensitively and competently with crime victims and/or other people who have experienced trauma;
- Experience in, or connections to, low-income communities and communities of color;
- Knowledge of relevant substantive and procedural law, including courtroom practice and family and immigration substantive law areas.

START DATE

To be determined; no later than July 1, 2019

Connecticut Legal Services is an equal opportunity employer and proudly values diversity. Candidates of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.



COMPENSATION

Salary depends on experience; excellent vacation/leave, health, and other benefits.

APPLICATION

Applicants should send a cover letter clearly describing their qualifications, resume, 5-10 page original writing sample, and the names and contact information for three references to alupia@connlegalservices.org. CLS invites all applicants to include in their cover letter a statement about how your unique background and/or experiences might contribute to the diversity, cultural vitality, and perspective of our staff and legal services practice.

Applications will be accepted until April 12, 2019. In order to expedite the internal sorting and reviewing process, please type your name (Last, First) and “New London Attorney Application” as the only contents in the subject line of your e-mail.