

**POSITION AVAILABLE:
HOUSING ADVOCACY
ATTORNEY OPENING—CLS BRIDGEPORT**

CLS has an opening for a temporary staff attorney position in the CLS Housing Unit, under the UniteCT program. The position will last one year. The attorney will be assigned to the CLS Bridgeport office (with coverage in Bridgeport and surrounding towns, and including cases in the Fairfield Judicial District at Bridgeport). Coverage might extend to other areas at least while proceedings remain remote.

Responsibilities shall include, among other things, Legal representation and advice to individuals and families who are at risk of homelessness and are being evicted and may be eligible for emergency rental and/or utility assistance through UniteCT.

The attorney will receive extensive training in the UniteCT program and other areas of housing law and will be expected to:

- maintain an active caseload of representation and advice cases which will require regular remote court appearances (and in person court appearances as the courts reopen), 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.

START DATE: As soon as possible

PREFERRED 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;

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- Connecticut bar admission or passed the Connecticut bar exam and willing to be sworn in;
- Knowledge and experience in Connecticut court practice.

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

APPLICATION: Applicants should send a cover letter clearly describing their qualifications, resume, 3-7 page original writing sample, and the names and contact information for three references to alupia@ctlegal.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 reviewed on a rolling basis and will be accepted until the position is filled. In order to expedite the internal sorting and reviewing process, please type your name (Last, First) and “UniteCT Attorney Application” as the only contents in the subject line of your e-mail.

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION: CLS is Connecticut’s largest non-profit law firm, providing free legal help to low-income people in areas including housing, consumer, elder, family law, public benefits, education, immigration, employment, and disability. With a staff of almost 60 in seven offices across Connecticut, CLS fights for equal justice and improved life opportunities for more than 12,000 people every year.

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