

POSITION AVAILABLE: ATTORNEY OPENING

CLS seeks to fill an attorney position with an initial assignment in CLS' Elder Law Unit, including substantial housing advocacy for clients of all ages, for the foreseeable future. The attorney will be assigned to the CLS Bridgeport office and provide coverage in Bridgeport and surrounding towns, and including cases in the Fairfield Judicial District at Bridgeport.

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 attorney 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
- conduct community outreach remotely and in-person in accordance with CDC guidelines and coordinate with other social service agencies working with our clients
- 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

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

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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 “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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