

POSITION AVAILABLE

ELDER LAW ATTORNEY OPENING

Connecticut Legal Services: Bridgeport Office

Connecticut Legal Services (CLS) seeks to fill an Elder Law Attorney position in the Bridgeport 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 advocating in various settings 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. Responsibilities include legal representation and advice to individuals and families.

Attorneys will:

- 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 social service agencies working with our clients; and
- help identify larger trends and issues for our clients, while working with the Elder Law Unit to develop strategies to respond to those trends and issues.

START DATE: As soon as possible

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Connecticut bar admission or passed the Connecticut bar exam and willing to be sworn in is required;
- Deep and demonstrated commitment to advocacy on behalf of low-income, vulnerable, and marginalized communities, and to CLS' mission, vision, goals, and values;
- 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 to work independently when necessary;
- Creativity and flexibility in solving problems and meeting challenges;

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- Knowledge and experience in Connecticut court practice
- Spanish language fluency, preferred

COMPENSATION: Salary \$61,362-\$120,584, depending 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 applications@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 are 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 of law including housing, consumer, elder, family, public benefits, education, immigration, employment, and disability. With a staff of 65 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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