

**ATTORNEY FELLOWSHIP POSITION AVAILABLE:
RIGHT TO COUNSEL PROGRAM
Bridgeport, CT**

Connecticut Legal Services, Inc. (CLS) seeks a committed attorney to fill a temporary fellowship position in our transformative work under Connecticut's new Right to Counsel (RTC) program. RTC focuses on eviction defense and other housing matters. The current temporary position is in the Bridgeport office and will run through December 2024. There is a possibility that the position will be extended, dependent on funding. The attorney will handle cases in Bridgeport's geographic coverage area, as determined by the priorities of the RTC program. The attorney will receive extensive training in the RTC program and other areas of housing law.

Attorneys are expected to:

- maintain an active caseload of representation and advice cases, including regular remote or in-person court appearances and administrative hearings appearances
- conduct community outreach remotely and in-person, and coordinate with other social service agencies working with our clients
- help identify larger trends and issues for our clients, while working with the CLS Housing Unit to develop strategies to respond to those trends and issues

QUALIFICATIONS

- Deep and demonstrated commitment to advocacy on behalf of low-income, vulnerable, and marginalized communities, and to CLS' mission, vision, goals, and values
- Connecticut bar admission
- Spanish language fluency (preferred)
- 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

START DATE

As soon as possible

Connecticut Legal Services is an equal opportunity employer and contractor. We proudly value diversity and encourage candidates of all backgrounds to apply.

COMPENSATION

Salary depends on experience (\$61,362-\$120,584); excellent vacation/leave, health, and other benefits.

APPLICATION

Candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Applicants should send a cover letter clearly describing their qualifications, a resume, a 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 their unique background and/or experiences might contribute to the diversity, cultural vitality, and perspective of our staff and legal services practice.

We will review applications on a rolling basis until we fill the positions. In order to expedite the internal reviewing process, please type your name (Last, First) and “RTC Attorney Fellowship 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 approximately 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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