



Job Announcement

STAFF ATTORNEY, FAMILY PRESERVATION PROJECT (Family and Public Benefits)

Neighborhood Legal Services Program (“NLSP”), a private, non-profit law firm that provides high quality civil legal services to low-income residents of the District of Columbia, seeks to hire a fulltime Staff Attorney with at least three years of family law experience, as well as knowledge of family law practice in the District of Columbia and knowledge of public benefits programs. The Staff Attorney will be passionate about achieving justice and overcoming barriers facing low-income people, and be a creative and zealous lawyer and team-player, committed to achieving lasting results for clients and low-income communities. This position will be located in NLSP’s Ward 7 office at 4609 Polk Street NE, Washington, D.C.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide high quality civil legal services to clients in the areas of family and public benefits law, using a variety of advocacy tools, including but not limited to: brief service and advice, negotiation, representational in administration hearing and litigation, and direct representation in court proceedings/trials.
- Develop and coordinate community education and outreach.
- Foster partnerships with the DC Child & Family Services Agency and community organizations that serve low-income residents of the District of Columbia.
- Actively participate as a member of the NLSP team, including but not limited to participation in cross-practice advocacy and activities.
- Adhere to program and case-handling policies, procedures and standards of practice, as well as the highest professional ethical standards.

Qualifications:

- JD, Member in good standing of the DC Bar
- Three years of family law experience, including litigation (*May include clinical experience or judicial clerkship)
- Familiarity with DC, including its government, courts, and the Bar
- Demonstrated commitment to serving low-income persons/ communities
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Strong organizational skills
- Cultural competence
- Ability to identify and respond to shifting trends in legal practice and policies affecting the poor
- Enthusiastic team player
- Prior civil legal aid experience highly desirable



SUPERVISOR: Managing Attorney of the Family Law Unit

COMPENSATION: Competitive salary and benefits package including: employer-paid medical, dental, and vision insurance; employer-subsidized family health coverage; paid vacation, holidays, personal days and sick leave; 8-week parental leave for birth or adoption of a child; employer-paid life and long-term disability insurance; and tax-free transit benefits.

ABOUT NLSP

NLSP is a private non-profit law firm whose mission is to provide vigorous and high quality, client-centered civil legal services to low-income residents of the District of Columbia. Established in 1964, NLSP pioneered the concept of a law office rooted in the neighborhoods that it serves and established landmark precedents which have retained their vitality and relevance. NLSP remains embedded in D.C.'s most low-income communities, builds its work on strong partnerships with community-based organizations, and seeks to achieve lasting change for its clients and their communities by using a full range of advocacy tools. Its diverse, multi-lingual and passionate staff embrace an explicitly anti-poverty mission and share a deep commitment to securing meaningful access to justice.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested persons should send a letter of interest and resume by email to:

Leah Quaile Curran, Managing Family Law Attorney
Email: lquaile@nlsp.org
Please put "FPP Staff Attorney" in the subject line

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. **To receive full consideration, please submit your application by August 1, 2017.**

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