

STAFF ATTORNEY- GENERAL PRACTICE & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, Spring Valley, NY

LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY

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Job Type: STAFF ATTORNEY- GENERAL PRACTICE & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Schedule Type: Full-Time

Overview

For more than 50 years, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) has been providing free, high-quality legal counsel in civil matters when basic human needs are at stake including: eviction and foreclosure prevention, domestic violence, disability, elder law, healthcare, consumer fraud and more. Our services support almost 600,000 poor and low-income families and individuals who cannot afford an attorney in our seven-county service area. With the gap separating those who can and cannot afford legal representation widening each day, we work to ensure that everyone has equal access to justice, regardless of their ability to pay. As the only provider of comprehensive civil legal services in the lower and mid-Hudson Valley (Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Rockland, Orange, Ulster and Sullivan), LSHV is proud to have handled almost 15,000 cases impacting more than 34,000 household members including 13,000 children last year. LSHV has nine offices, a staff of 135, including 80 attorneys and 27 paralegals.

Job Description

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) has an immediate opening in our Spring Valley, New York, office for a full time Domestic Violence/General Practice Staff Attorney to work with clients, who qualify whether they are low-income or identify as part of other vulnerable populations, on matters involving the necessities of life including, but not limited to, Housing, Public Benefits, and Consumer Law. The attorney will also work with Domestic Violence survivors on Family and Immigration matters including, but not limited to, Family Offense proceedings to obtain Orders of Protection, Custody, Visitation, Child Support; and Domestic Violence-related Immigration matters including U-Visa applications, Battered Spouse Waivers, Self-Petitions and Special Infant Juvenile Status (SIJS). The attorney will serve individuals and families living in Rockland County, who qualify, in matters that involve eviction prevention, terminations of government benefits, and consumer debt. In addition, the attorney will serve individuals and families who are survivors of Domestic Violence living in Rockland County, who qualify.

Duties of the Position: Individual client representation, litigation in state and federal courts as well as administrative hearings and appellate practice. The person hired will be expected to handle a high-volume case load in an often fast paced and demanding environment. Participation in community legal education and outreach activities directed at community members, advocates and service providers. Additionally, the person hired will also be expected to adhere to program and case handling standards, funder requirements, the highest professional standards, and be available as a resource to LSHV staff and access to justice communities.

Requirements

- Member in good standing of the New York State Bar;
- One or more years of legal experience, including litigation and handling high volume caseload;
- Excellent people skills;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Ability to handle high stress situations;
- Ability to work effectively with a diverse group of stakeholders; and
- Valid driver's license and own transportation

Preferred

- Demonstrated commitment to serving low-income persons with prior experience in legal services or similar program;
- English/Spanish bi-lingual

Salary: Competitive union scale, with excellent benefits.

Please apply through this link and include cover letter, resume, writing sample and three references.

[Legal Services of the Hudson Valley- Domestic Violence/General Practice Staff Attorney, Spring Valley, NY](#)

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