

STAFF ATTORNEY, CSS/ GOVERNMENT BENEFITS Yonkers, NY

LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY

<http://www.lshv.org>

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Job Type: Mental Health Law Project Staff Attorney

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

LSHV has an immediate opening in our Yonkers office for a full-time staff attorney to represent Westchester County residents who suffer from serious and persistent mental illness in various civil legal matters including housing benefits and family law.

Duties of the Position: individual case work, litigation in state and federal courts, and education and outreach efforts directed at community members, advocates and services providers. 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.

Qualifications

- Member in good standing of the New York State Bar;
- Three or more years of legal experience, including litigation, or its equivalent;
- Demonstrated commitment to serving low-income persons with prior experience in legal services or similar program preferred;
- Excellent people skills;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Valid driver's license and access to vehicle

Preferred

- Ability to work effectively with a diverse group of stakeholders;
- Experience working with clients with mental health issues;
- English/Spanish bilingual.

Salary: Competitive union scale, with excellent benefits.

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

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