



LEGAL SERVICES OF EASTERN MISSOURI Attorney, Housing Law Program



Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Inc. (LSEM), a non-profit law firm that provides free civil legal assistance to persons living with low income/low opportunity, seeks an Attorney in its Housing Law Program and the Youth & Family Advocacy Project, based in St. Louis, MO.

JOB SUMMARY & RESPONSIBILITIES:

The position involves all substantive aspects of Housing Law, including Missouri state landlord/tenant litigation, federally subsidized housing issues, fair housing rights, and issues related to homelessness. The attorney in this position will work to remove barriers to housing. Advocacy will include representation of clients in Missouri state and federal court as well as administrative proceedings. Additionally, this position will involve broad-based advocacy through “community lawyering”, impact litigation, and other forms of advocacy as appropriate.

The position will also include work with homeless and at-risk youth who have legal needs that impact their ability to break the cycle of homelessness and become self-sufficient. Work with youth will include outreach in shelters and community centers, legal education workshops and representation in civil legal matters.

QUALIFICATIONS

Strong work ethic, excellent communication skills, ability to relate well with low-income, disabled and senior clients, ability to work collaboratively with a wide-range of community stakeholders. Public speaking, flexibility, and teamwork required. Previous experience in legal services and/or demonstrated commitment to public interest law work or to legal services for the poor, disabled or elderly is strongly preferred. This person must demonstrate initiative, sound judgment and a commitment to a legal aid mission. The ideal candidate will have strong advocacy skills, excellent writing ability and organizational skills, and be computer proficient.

Missouri Bar license, by application without examination or by temporary certification or eligibility to take the next examination required.

SALARY

Salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits including medical, dental and vision insurance, a generous time off policy, 403(b) and profit sharing plans, FSA plan, EAP and paid CLE and Bar dues.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Please send a cover letter and resume to John Early, Human Resources Director, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, at jgearly@lsem.org.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: May 14, 2017

Equal access to LSEM's office is available. Those applicants requiring accommodation to the interview/application process should contact the Human Resources Director at the e-mail address listed above. LSEM is an equal opportunity employer.

