

Staff Attorney–Domestic Violence/Matrimonial, Nanuet, NY

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

<http://www.lshv.org>

Job Type: Staff Attorney – Nanuet, NY

Schedule Type: Full-Time

About Us

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 over 12,000 cases impacting nearly 30,000 household members including 10,000 children last year. LSHV is made up of ten offices, and a dedicated and highly skilled staff of attorneys, paralegals and administrative professionals.

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley is dedicated to building a highly skilled workforce that reflects the communities we serve and where everyone feels supported to bring their authentic selves to work. We are committed to promoting equity for all, and we continuously review and strengthen our processes and practices to support our staff, clients and the communities we serve. Respect is a cornerstone of relationships among our staff.

Position Description

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) has an immediate opening for a staff attorney in our Nanuet office, who will provide legal services in contested/uncontested matrimonial matters and some family court.

Duties of the Position: Represent clients primarily in Rockland County in all aspects of domestic violence and matrimonial actions, whether contested or uncontested; including appellate practice; provide in depth consultation services (advice and counsel) to clients in domestic violence and matrimonial cases; and conduct education directed at community members, advocates and service 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 all LSHV staff and access to justice communities.

Qualifications

- Member in good standing of the New York State Bar; or out-of-state admission with eligibility and willingness to be admitted in NYS.
- Three or more years of legal experience, including matrimonial litigation, or its equivalent;
- Understanding of the nature and dynamics of domestic violence and power and control;
- Understanding and/or willingness to learn about different cultures and how culture impacts legal issues
- Excellent people skills;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills; and
- Ability to work effectively with a diverse group of stakeholders.

Preferred

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

Salary: \$78,850 - \$145,784, DOE, union scale, with excellent benefits that include medical, dental, vision, life insurance, and long-term disability coverage, as well as a defined contribution to a 403 (b), loan repayment assistance, and paid parental leave. After a brief probationary period, this position may permit work from home up to two days per week. Professional development includes access to job-related trainings, CLEs, a Mentoring Program, and an Emerging Leaders Program.

Please apply at our Career Center by following this link, and include resume, cover letter writing sample and three references:

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