

Staff Attorney – Elder Law/ General Practice, Poughkeepsie, NY Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

<http://www.lshv.org>

Job Type: Elder/GP Staff Attorney – Poughkeepsie, 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 in our Poughkeepsie, NY office for a full time, General Practice Staff Attorney to work with the Elderly on matters including eviction and other housing-related matters; drafting and executing simple wills; powers of attorneys, and health care proxies; Medicaid eligibility and basic planning; managed long-term care denials, and other civil matters which may include consumer, family law and government benefits. The attorney will serve seniors and vulnerable populations living in Dutchess County with legal matters that involve Elder Law Matters as described herein and civil legal matters involving the basic necessities of life.

Duties of the Position

Individual case work, administrative advocacy and litigation in Poughkeepsie City Court, including appellate practice, and education and outreach efforts 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 LSHV staff and access to justice communities.

Qualifications

- Admission to the New York State Bar; or out of state admission with willingness and eligibility to be admitted in NY;
- One or more years of legal experience, however more is preferred, 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.

Preferred

- Demonstrated commitment to serving low-income persons with prior experience in legal services or similar program.

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 training, a Mentoring Program, and an Emerging Leaders Program.

Please apply at our career center and include cover letter, resume, writing sample and three references:

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