

ELDER LAW STAFF ATTORNEY-Poughkeepsie, NY

LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY

<http://www.lshv.org>

Job Type: STAFF ATTORNEY – Elder Law

Schedule Type: Full-Time

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Overview

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley is a not-for-profit law firm which provides civil legal services to low-income clients in a seven-county region of the lower Hudson Valley in New York State. The Poughkeepsie office provides representation to residents of Dutchess County, primarily in the areas of housing, domestic violence related legal matters, government benefits, elder law, education, children's law and foreclosure matters.

Founded in 1967, LSHV is the primary provider of free civil legal services to 580,000 eligible poor and low-income individuals in Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan and Ulster counties. LSHV has eight offices, a staff of over 120, including 75 attorneys and 19 paralegals. Along with experienced and dedicated volunteer lawyers, LSHV last year handled over 11,000 cases benefiting over 25,000 people including over 9,000 children.

Job Description

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) has an immediate opening in our Poughkeepsie office for a full-time staff attorney who will serve residents of Dutchess, Ulster, Orange, and Sullivan Counties in a general practice. Examples of practice areas include: advance directives, wills, eviction and foreclosure prevention, bankruptcy, Social Security benefits, public benefits, family law, elder abuse, the ADA and the Fair Housing Act.

Duties of the Position: individual case work, litigation in state and federal courts, 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

- Member in good standing of the New York State Bar;
- Three to five 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;
- Understanding of elder issues;
- Excellent people skills;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Ability to work effectively with a diverse group of stakeholders; and
- English/Spanish bilingual preferred.

Salary: DOE, union scale, with excellent benefits.

Please apply at our career center through this link:

https://workforcenow.adp.com/jobs/apply/posting.html?client=LSHVADP&jobId=37506&lang=en_US&source=CC3

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley is an equal opportunity employer. People of color, women, people with disabilities, veterans, gays, lesbians, bisexual, and transgender people are strongly encouraged to apply.