

# STAFF ATTORNEY- GENERAL PRACTICE, FSSY KINSHIP PROGRAM- YONKERS, NY - LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY

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**Job Type:** Staff Attorney- General Practice, Child Abuse Kinship Program

**Schedule Type:** Full-Time

## Overview

Founded in 1967, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley is a not-for-profit law firm, providing free high-quality legal services in civil matters (noncriminal) for individuals and families who cannot afford an attorney when their basic human needs are at stake. This includes urgent legal needs such as: housing, domestic violence and family law, income and public benefits, healthcare, consumer law, and advocacy on behalf of elders, people with disabilities, and veterans and military families, among others. Our clients are at or below 200% of the federal poverty income guidelines, and almost 550,000 residents of the Hudson Valley qualify for our services. We handle approximately 15,000 cases per year, impacting roughly 35,000 household members across the seven counties of the lower and mid-Hudson Valley (Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Orange, Dutchess, Ulster and Sullivan). In pursuit of this mission, LSHV maintains a staff of 150, including 90 attorneys and 30 paralegals, across ten offices.

## Job Description

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) has an immediate opening in our Yonkers office for a full time General Practice Staff Attorney to work in close collaboration with the Family Service Society of Yonkers (FSSY) to assist kinship caregivers with addressing civil legal issues. The attorney will conduct outreach and educational workshops to kinship caregivers so that they are aware of their rights and can make decisions to benefit their families. The attorney will provide legal assistance including advice and direct representation in an array of civil legal matters including – housing, public benefits, family, and disability. The purpose of these legal interventions is to support family stabilization, thus reducing incidents of child abuse and neglect.

**Duties of the Position:** Individual client representation, litigation in state and federal courts as well as administrative hearings and appellate practice. The person hired will be expected to handle a high-volume case load in an often fast paced and demanding environment. Participation in community legal education and outreach activities directed at community members, advocates and service providers. Additionally, 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.

## Requirements

- Member in good standing of the New York State Bar;
- One or more years of legal experience, 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; and

## Preferred

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

**Salary:** Competitive union scale, with excellent benefits.

Please apply at our career center, by following the link below, and provide a resume, writing sample and three references:

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