

LGBTQ/ HIV General Practice - Staff Attorney- Peekskill, NY

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

<http://www.lshv.org>

Job Type: LGBTQ/ HIV General Practice - Staff Attorney – Peekskill Office

Schedule Type: Full-Time

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Overview

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 almost 15,000 cases impacting more than 34,000 household members including 13,000 children last year. LSHV has ten offices, a staff of 160, including 95 attorneys and 30 paralegals.

Job Description

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) has an immediate opening in our Peekskill office for a full-time staff attorney focusing on general practice areas in a split position. The attorney will spend 50% of their time serving Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer communities by providing legal representation in a variety of civil legal areas. The attorney will also focus on conducting community outreach via presentations, offsite intake and trainings.

The balance of the attorney's time will be spent providing legal representation in a variety of civil legal areas to individuals with HIV. The staff attorney will also have the opportunity to develop this program through outreach and training opportunities to the communities affected by HIV.

Duties of the Position: intakes and individual case work, litigation in state 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. In addition, the person will develop the LGBTQ and HIV Legal Programs by conducting offsite intake, building relationships with community partners, attending community committee meetings and giving presentations and trainings.

Qualifications

- Member in good standing of the New York State Bar
- One or more 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 the challenges faced by individuals in various LGBTQ communities;
- Excellent people skills;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Ability to work effectively with a diverse group of stakeholders;
- Experience with program development, developing community partnerships and the capacity to conduct community outreach.
- Reliable method of transportation to travel within the counties covered
- English/Spanish bilingual preferred.

Salary: DOE, union scale, with excellent benefits.

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

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