Salary Range: $78,850.00 To $145,784.00 Annually
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

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Job Type: Housing/Public Benefits Staff Attorney – Mount Vernon, 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 Mount Vernon office for a full-time staff attorney to work on public benefits and housing matters in Mount Vernon, NY. The attorney will also serve low-income individuals and families with matters including eviction, unlawful lockouts, habitability issues, emergency housing denials, succession rights challenges, and Section 8 hearings and advocacy work. Work will also include representation in public benefits matters, including Public Assistance denials. Medicaid issues, SNAP benefits, and Unemployment Insurance benefits cases.

Duties of the Position: individual case work, administrative advocacy and litigation in city courts and justice 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. Occasional appearances in night court pertaining to housing matters may be required.

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. LSHV will consider law school graduates who have taken or plan to take the NYS Bar Exam.
- Understanding of the nature and dynamics of housing and benefits;
- Ability to handle a large caseload;
- Excellent people skills;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Ability to work effectively with a diverse group of stakeholders.

Preferred

- Two or more years of legal experience, including litigation, preferably with a background in housing and public benefits;
- Demonstrated commitment to serving low-income persons with prior experience in legal services or a 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.

Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, pregnancy, genetic information, disability, status as a protected veteran, or any other protected category under applicable federal, state, and local laws.

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