

JOB POSTING – STAFF ATTORNEY

Do you want to use your law degree and your legal skills to protect the legal rights of some of Connecticut's most marginalized residents? If so, we hope you will consider joining our team at Connecticut Legal Rights Project.

The Connecticut Legal Rights Project currently has one opening available for a Connecticut-licensed attorney with a demonstrated interest in public interest law. The position involves representation of patients at state-operated facilities in Middletown, Bridgeport, New Haven and Hartford which will require an in-person presence on most days. The job assignment is subject to change according to the needs of the organization and requires travel statewide.

CLRP is a statewide non-profit organization that provides legal assistance to low-income adults with mental health conditions on matters related to their treatment and civil rights. CLRP represents its clients in accordance with their expressed preferences. You will be representing clients on locked units at state-operated psychiatric hospitals. In addition to providing zealous advocacy for our clients, this position requires attention to detail, efficient data entry to document legal work, and excellent writing and advocacy skills.

You will participate in case analysis, litigation, decision-making, and strategizing. You will be responsible for prioritizing your workload and will collaborate with CLRP's legal director on litigation in state and federal court.

At least two years of experience in litigation, housing law and/or disability rights is preferred. A commitment to CLRP's mission to ensure respect for clients' legal rights to choice and self-determination is required. You will need to be licensed to practice law in Connecticut in both state and federal court. Bilingual skills strongly preferred. Salary is commensurate with experience (\$75,000 for an attorney with two years' relevant experience) and is competitive with other Connecticut nonprofit legal services organizations. We offer a benefits package that includes generous paid leave, choice between a high-deductible HSA plan (premium paid by CLRP) and a PPO plan (premium partially paid by CLRP), reimbursement for health insurance obtained elsewhere, the option to purchase dental insurance, a 403(b) with employer match, and loan repayment assistance.

CLRP is an equal opportunity employer that does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, ancestry, color, disability, marital status, national origin, religious creed, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or status as a veteran. People with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. Resume review to begin upon receipt.

E-mail resumes to resumes@clrp.org.

If you need accommodations during the application process, please contact Rosemary Marino, CLRP business manager, at rmarino@clrp.org.