

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Central Minnesota Legal Services: Full-Time Staff Attorney – Willmar Office

Responsibilities: The staff attorney position involves service work in the areas of family law, employment law, housing, government benefits, and criminal expungement, with an emphasis on family and employment law. The office has a commitment to service work, including litigation, community legal education and community outreach, as appropriate to client needs. Travel will be required throughout the 21 counties served by the CMLS offices in central Minnesota.

Background: CMLS is a 3-office program with 28 employees, providing free legal representation to low-income clients in 21 counties in central Minnesota through a staff and volunteer attorney component. This position will be located in the Willmar office and is an opportunity to work independently while under the supervision and support of CMLS leadership. Located just under two hours west of Minneapolis, Willmar is a growing community surrounded by lakes.

The mission of Central Minnesota Legal Services is to advocate for access to the civil justice system for low income people by providing high quality legal services and to improve the lives of people living in poverty by empowering self-advocacy skills through legal education. CMLS is funded primarily by a grant from the Legal Services Corporation. CMLS also has other funding sources to provide civil legal services to other low-income populations in its 21-county service area. CMLS enjoys a good rapport with, and strong support, from the organized bar and the local judiciary.

Qualifications: Candidates should be licensed to practice law in Minnesota. Attorneys licensed in another state can get temporary pre-exam admission. Demonstrated commitment and sensitivity to the problems of low income and vulnerable persons. Post-law school poverty law experiences are desired although new graduates will be considered. Valid driver's license and reliable vehicle required. Ability to speak Spanish/Somali is desired but not required.

Salary: \$50,000+ D.O.E. pursuant to the CMLS salary schedule. Excellent benefits.

Starting Date: Negotiable

Application Deadline: Until filled.

Mail or e-mail cover letter, resume, references and writing sample to:

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No Phone Calls Please