

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Central Minnesota Legal Services seeks Staff Attorney full time for government benefits work in its Minneapolis office.

Responsibilities: The staff attorney position involve service work in the areas of government benefits and/or housing or family law. Government benefits work will include unemployment appeals, DHS licensing cases, social security appeals. The office has a commitment to service work, including litigation, community legal education and community outreach, as appropriate to client needs. Travel may be required throughout the 21 counties served by the CMLS offices in central Minnesota.

Background: 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 a 3-office program with 29 employees, providing free legal representation to low-income clients in 21 counties in central Minnesota through a staff and volunteer attorney component. The position will be in the Minneapolis office.

CMLS is funded primarily by a grant from the Legal Services Corporation. CMLS also has other funding sources to provide civil legal services to specific low-income populations in its 21-county service area. Two special projects are an Order for Protection Project in collaboration with the 4th Judicial District and a legal program in collaboration with the Father Project, a responsible fatherhood program. CMLS enjoys a good rapport with, and strong support, from the organized bar and the local judiciary.

Qualifications: Demonstrated commitment and sensitivity to the problems of low income and vulnerable persons. Post-law school poverty law experiences or law school clinical experience a plus. Prior experience preferred. Bar admission preferred. Candidates should be licensed to practice law in Minnesota or eligible to take the next bar examination. Out of state admitted attorney with 18 months' employment in a poverty law office can get temporary pre-exam admission. Valid driver's license and reliable vehicle required. Ability to speak Spanish/Somali a plus.

Salary: \$50,016+ D.O.E. pursuant to the CMLS salary schedule. Excellent benefits.

Starting Date: As close to June 16, 2019 as possible.

Application Deadline: May 13, 2019 or until filled.

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

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