

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Central Minnesota Legal Services is seeking to fill a full-time staff attorney position in its Saint Cloud office.

Responsibilities: The attorney will focus primarily on family law and employment law, with expansion into other practice areas within CMLS priorities. This position will involve regular litigation. The office has a commitment to service work, including litigation, community legal education and community outreach, and any other appropriate client needs. These activities may take place in-person or remotely. Travel may be required through out the nine counties served by the CMLS office in Saint Cloud.

Background: The mission of Central Minnesota Legal Services is to increase access to justice by providing high quality legal services to individuals experiencing poverty, challenging inequities, and empowering community members to participate in our civil legal system. CMLS is a 3-office program providing free legal representation to low-income clients in 21 counties in central Minnesota. The Saint Cloud office serves Itasca, Chisago, Mille Lacs, Sherburne, Benton, Stearns, Morrison, Todd, and Wright counties.

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 service area. 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 marginalized communities and individuals experiencing poverty. Prior family law experience preferred. Poverty law litigation experience or law school clinical experience a plus. Candidates should be licensed to practice law in Minnesota or be a candidate for Bar admission. Attorneys admitted to practice in another state with 18 months' employment in a poverty law office can obtain temporary pre-exam admission. Valid driver's license and reliable vehicle required. Ability to speak a second language, particularly Spanish or Somali, is a plus.

Demonstrated commitment to furthering principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and ability to work effectively with people from different cultural backgrounds is essential. We strongly encourage candidates of all identities, experiences, and communities to apply. We welcome information about how your experience can contribute to serving our diverse client communities. Must have strong communication skills, ability to work constructively in a team setting, exhibit good judgment, ability to learn quickly and work independently, and be able to effectively handle contested hearings.

Salary: \$60,000 - \$72,258 D.O.E. pursuant to the CMLS salary schedule. Excellent benefits. CMLS has a hybrid work policy and some remote work is possible.

Starting Date: Negotiable.

Application Deadline: Applications accepted until filled.
Send cover letter, resume, references and writing sample to:

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No Phone Calls Please

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