

Job Description – Supervisory Attorney

Legal Council for Health Justice (Legal Council), located in downtown Chicago, seeks a Supervisory Attorney to supervise legal representation and advocacy in its Children & Families Project.

Founded in 1988, Legal Council for Health Justice finds legal remedies for discrimination, disadvantage, and disparities in health, equity and well-being across the lifespan of Illinoisans impacted by life-changing medical conditions. Its staff have achieved successes through direct legal representation and high impact litigation, administrative and legislative advocacy, and by providing training to and collaborating with other advocates who are working towards the same goals. Legal services are delivered through collaborative efforts with safety net providers: health and human services staff are trained to recognize patients' legal problems, and Legal Council staff serve those referred by medical partners.

Job Description: The supervisory attorney will manage the day-to-day legal work of the Children & Families Project.

Principal Responsibilities: The supervisory attorney will handle supervision of the Children and Families Project legal work including:

- Supervision of staff attorneys and legal advocates;
- Professional development, mentorship, and evaluation of staff attorneys and legal advocates;
- Compliance with grant deliverables and grant goals;
- Provision of direct client services as appropriate;
- Coordination with Directors to help oversee project staff's participation in policy advocacy and class action litigation that furthers the mission of Legal Council;
- Relationship building, partnership, and collaboration with courts, government and community agencies to maintain social safety net for low-income children and families served by Legal Council; and
- Provision of trainings and creation of resources for medical/community partners.

Specific Job Requirements:

- J.D. degree and admission to the Illinois Bar or be eligible for admission through reciprocity.
- At least 6 years of experience in legal services practice or similar practice.
- At least two years of experience directly supervising staff attorneys and legal advocates.
- Experience in special education law and public benefits law is preferred. Experience in affirmative litigation with an emphasis on administrative practice, e.g., hearings and appeals on Social Security benefits, Due Process hearings, subsidized housing terminations is also a plus.
- Experience with Legal Server a plus.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.

- Strong organizational skills and strengthens in managing multiple priorities.
- Demonstrated commitment to public interest law and social justice advocacy.
- Spanish fluency a plus.

Relevant experience includes not only professional advocacy on behalf of others, but personal experience with poverty, chronic illness, mental illness, public housing or other issues affecting our client population.

How to Apply: To apply, email a resume, compelling cover letter, writing sample, and two professional references to: job@legalcouncil.org, attn.: Thomas Yates Executive Director.

Legal Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer: People of color, women, persons with disabilities, the elderly, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender, and Veterans are welcomed and strongly encouraged to apply.

Salary: Salary is commensurate with experience and based on Legal Council salary scale.

Submission deadline: Position is open until filled.