

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT—STAFF ATTORNEY

Legal Council for Health Justice seeks a staff attorney to provide a wide range of civil legal services to low-income persons impacted by HIV in our AIDS Legal Council program.

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.

The **AIDS Legal Council** program works closely with social service agencies, community groups, AIDS service organizations, and medical providers across the city. Our team of attorneys and legal advocates works on-site in healthcare clinics to counsel and represent clients impacted by HIV. Partner organizations include: Howard Brown Health, Mercy Hospital, TPAN and the CORE Center. Legal issues include eligibility for public benefits, access to healthcare and health insurance, discrimination, employment rights, and medical confidentiality. Our legal work encompasses individual representation, policy work with legislative bodies and administrative agencies, and impact litigation.

All applicants must demonstrate a commitment to the mission of Legal Council. Experience in one or more of the following areas is preferred:

- Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare and other state and federal public benefits programs,
- Disability discrimination and healthcare confidentiality.
- Excellent writing and communication skills.
- Models of harm reduction and trauma-informed care;
- Experience working with people living with HIV
- Experience working with people experiencing, poverty, homelessness or mental illness
- **Spanish proficiency is a plus.**

Experience and competence working with the LGBTQNC community is a must.

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

Principal Responsibilities: The staff attorney will work with **AIDS Legal Council** on a variety of legal matters. Responsibilities include:

- Providing legal representation, legal counsel, and referrals to eligible clients in a wide range of areas, including: public benefits programs, employment; health coverage

including private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare and other programs; discrimination; guardianship; estate and permanency planning; and transgender legal issues.

- Coordinating on-site legal clinics and intake at several medical outreach sites;
- Planning, implementing, and documenting outreach and training programs;
- Engaging, where appropriate, in impact litigation, administrative, and legislative advocacy; and
- Assisting in supervision and support of paralegals, law students, and volunteer attorneys.

Applicants must have a J.D. degree and be admitted to the Illinois Bar or be eligible for admission through reciprocity.

How to Apply: To apply, **email** a resume, compelling cover letter, writing sample, and three professional references to:

Thomas Yates, *Executive Director*

job@legalcouncil.org

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

More information about the agency is available at www.legalcouncil.org.