

## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT—SEEKING FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS**

Legal Council for Health Justice (Legal Council) seeks a recent law graduate or outgoing judicial law clerk to apply for a Skadden Fellowship, Equal Justice Fellowship, or other Fellowship to work within our HIV Project to develop a dynamic new Medical Legal Community Partnership (MLP) program working with Christian Community Health Center on the South Side of Chicago to provide a wide range of civil legal services to low-income persons.

Legal Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer: People of color, women, persons with disabilities, the elderly, LGBTQ+, and Veterans are welcomed and strongly encouraged to apply. Legal Council believes that personnel diversity is an organizational strength and recognizes and values the intersectional identities that staff members bring to our organization. We are enriched by the diverse experiences, beliefs, and ways of thinking that employees of different backgrounds bring.

The MLP project with CCHC (CCHC MLP) represents a departure from the traditional approach to MLP design by embracing the fundamental premise that the communities we seek to serve in an MLP are the experts on their experiences and needs. The new attorney fellow, working with a community organizer, would seek community input on program design, legal service priorities, and MLP governance. Our South Side MLP web will continually seek and integrate feedback from community to ensure that precious legal aid resources are deployed at the direction of the communities we are seeking to serve through our partnerships.

Legal Council's **HIV Project** works closely with social service agencies, community groups, HIV/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. MLP partners include: Christian Community Health Center, Howard Brown Health, Mercy Hospital, TPAN and Cook County Health's 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.

The CCHC MLP Project Fellow's essential duties and responsibilities will include:

- Assisting the community organizer with building the community-driven MLP at CCHC, including networking with community pillar institutions and leaders outside of healthcare, conducting detailed CCHC patient engagement to map community assets and needs, and engaging with community members to complete the design and priority setting of the final MLP itself;

- Planning and providing legal training on issues including access to Medicaid and public benefits, HIV discrimination and privacy rights, housing, employment, and other legal issues for medical and social services staff at CCHC and HBH sites, and client and community groups;
- Building skills as HIV Program's HIV privacy expert tasked with staying abreast of current legal developments in HIV privacy at the state and national levels, and providing training to Legal Council staff and other public interest providers' staffs on HIV privacy;
- Providing legal representation and advocacy to persons living with or at risk of HIV
- CCHC regarding legal issues that will increase access and remove barriers to healthcare, with a focus on community-prioritized issues (potentially including public benefits and safety net programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, SNAP, SSI/SSDI/ADAP and private health insurance);
- Be active in South Side Chicago Community and Community organization trainings.

### **Skills and Experience Preferred**

- Familiarity with poverty issues;
- Experience in 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; and
- Spanish proficiency is a plus, but not required.

**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.**

**How to Apply:** Persons willing to apply for a Skadden Fellowship, Equal Justice Works Fellowship, or other Fellowship should **email** a resume, compelling cover letter, and writing sample to:

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More information about Legal Council is available at [www.legalcouncil.org](http://www.legalcouncil.org).