

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

LEGAL / POLICY ADVOCATE

The Housing Justice Center (HJC), a Twin Cities based public interest law firm, is seeking to hire an advocate to further HJC's mission to preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing for low income households throughout Minnesota.

About Housing Justice Center

For the last twenty years, HJC has used its unique expertise and capability to preserve thousands of affordable rental homes in Minnesota, protect countless vulnerable families from displacement, leverage litigation to bring millions in new resources to the state for the benefit of low income households, promote innovative strategies to produce more new affordable units, and through its research and analysis, provide high impact technical assistance to community based groups and government at all levels. HJC engages in housing policy advocacy (particularly at the regional and local level), research and analysis, technical assistance, and litigation as necessary.

This is not your father's job announcement. This position will have an unusual degree of job flexibility. The advocate would preferably be a licensed attorney, but need not necessarily be an attorney. We are open to hiring someone either on a fulltime basis or on a part time basis. HJC currently operates as a "virtual law office," in which HJC staff work from their homes and meet in person as necessary. The advocate will work very closely, however, with HJC's two senior attorneys, and will become deeply involved with our many community organizations partners. Salary and benefits are negotiable.

Position Responsibilities

The advocate will work under the direct supervision of HJC's two senior attorneys, taking on tasks that are assigned. The advocate's duties will include : helping to develop strategies for the projects HJC takes on, maintaining and developing relationships with HJC's many community partners, performing legal research and writing as appropriate and needed, assisting with HJC litigation, investigating cases and projects, working with HJC client groups, researching best practices in housing policy from across the country, and other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

Ideally the applicant would be an attorney licensed to practice in Minnesota. A background in affordable housing, community development, landlord-tenant relations, housing development finance, federal, state and local housing programs, fair housing, and/or similar areas is preferred. Strong written and oral communications skills are essential, as is a commitment to address HJC's mission to see that all are adequately housed. At a minimum, a college degree is necessary as well as some experience in the field of affordable housing/community development.

To Apply

Applications will be accepted immediately and will continue to be accepted until the position is filled. To apply, send a resume, brief writing sample, and three references with contact information to : Tim Thompson, at tthompson@hjcmn.org.

Housing Justice Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer.