

Job Announcement - For Posting Only

MINNESOTA – STAFF ATTORNEY SENIOR LAW PROJECT

POSITION: Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid (Legal Aid) seeks a full-time attorney for the Senior Law Project in its Minneapolis office. The Project is focused on using legal representation and advocacy to protect the rights of seniors age 60 and over.

Legal Aid's mission is to advocate for the legal rights of disadvantaged people to have safe, healthy, and independent lives in their communities. Legal Aid provides free civil legal representation to clients with low incomes and seniors throughout 21 counties in central Minnesota, and to people with disabilities throughout the state. Legal Aid is supported by funding from the State of Minnesota, the federal government, local governments, the United Way, foundations, local law firms and corporations, etc. Legal Aid enjoys a good rapport with, and strong support from, the organized bar. Legal Aid does not receive funds from the Legal Services Corporation.

Legal Aid's Senior Law Project serves clients who live in Hennepin County and Anoka County. The Project's case priorities are set toward the basic and fundamental goals of preserving shelter, including private, subsidized, assisted living, and nursing home placements, as well as preserving and gaining government benefits including Social Security and Medical Assistance. In addition, the Project also handles consumer debt and financial exploitation cases. The Senior Law Project also supports a community clinic providing basic estate planning advice.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The attorney's responsibilities will include advising clients and representing them in a variety of court and administrative forums. The attorney may also have the opportunity to engage in policy advocacy, to provide training for seniors and advocates, and to assist with community outreach/education as appropriate to client needs.

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must be licensed in Minnesota, eligible for admission by reciprocity, or scheduled to take the Minnesota bar exam in February 2019. Applicants must also have:

- 1) Demonstrated interest in, and commitment to, the needs of low-income/vulnerable clients;
- 2) Commitment to working as a team member to serve client needs;
- 3) A desire to appear in court and administrative proceedings to litigate client rights;
- 4) Excellent communication, analytical, and writing skills; and
- 5) Proficiency using Microsoft Windows and Office.

Diverse economic, social, and cultural experiences and relevant language skills are pluses.

SALARY: Up to year five on Legal Aid's salary schedule (\$50,016 to \$54,336) depending on experience. Benefits include vacation, sick leave, family medical, life, and short/long-term disability insurance.

STARTING DATE: As soon as possible after position is filled.

APPLICATIONS: Submit cover letter, resume, three job-related references, and a writing sample online at: www.mylegalaid.org/jobs by Tuesday, January 15, 2019, or until position is filled.

No calls please.

Legal Aid is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.