



August 6, 2018

**STAFF ATTORNEY POSITION
(Housing/Benefits)**

Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services

GBLS is an AA/EO/Handicapped accessible employer committed to diversity in the workforce and regards differences as assets.

GBLS has an opening for a staff attorney at its Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services (CASLS) office which serves Cambridge, Somerville, Arlington, Belmont, Woburn, and Winchester.

The staff attorney's responsibilities will include the full range of housing and state and federal public benefits work at CASLS. The housing work will include representing tenants facing eviction in local district and housing courts and may include representing individual tenants facing Section 8 terminations and tenant groups seeking to preserve the affordability of their housing. The staff attorney will also handle some EA shelter terminations/denials, SSI/SSDI hearings, and denials and terminations of SNAP, EAEDC, TAFDC, and MassHealth. The responsibilities may involve administrative advocacy and legislative work on housing and/or public benefits issues.

Qualifications: Candidate must be admitted to the Mass. Bar or comity with no more than 2 years of legal experience. A commitment to social justice and some legal experience in poverty law are required. Knowledge of housing law and/or federal (SSI/SSDI) and/or state benefits (TAFDC, EAEDC, SNAP, EA shelter, MassHealth) is preferred. Fluency in Spanish or Haitian/Creole is preferred but not required.

Salary is based on a union scale. Generous benefits package. Candidates should submit cover letter, resume and a brief writing sample to: Sonia Marquez, Director of Human Resources, via e-mail at jobs@gbls.org. Please refer to **Job Code: CASLS-Atty** when applying for this position. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled but applicants are encouraged to submit applications by **August 20, 2018**.