



August 22, 2019

**STAFF ATTORNEY POSITION
(Housing)**

Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services

GBLS is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity/Accessible Employer and strives to ensure that our staff members reflect the diversity of the communities we serve.

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. CASLS is a small supportive neighborhood office with a strong track record of success in the low income and immigrant communities we serve. This is a new position with an anticipated start date in September 2019.

The staff attorney's responsibilities include representing tenants facing eviction in local district and housing courts, representing tenants facing Section 8 terminations, and representing tenant groups seeking to preserve the affordability of their housing. The responsibilities will also involve administrative advocacy, legislative work on housing issues, and community outreach and education on tenants' rights.

Qualifications: Candidate must be admitted to the Mass. Bar with no more than 3 years of legal experience (but with a preference for someone with at least one year of legal experience). Knowledge of federal or Mass. housing law and/or some eviction trial/motion experience is required. Fluency in Spanish, Portuguese, or Haitian/Creole is strongly preferred.

Salary is based on a union scale with a starting salary of \$58,000. GBLS offers a generous benefits package, retirement contribution, a student loan repayment assistance plan for eligible attorneys, and generous PTO leave. Candidates should submit a 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-Housing Atty** when applying for this position. **Deadline is September 4, 2019**, or until position is filled. **GBLS encourages applicants from a broad range of backgrounds and experiences.**