



September 16, 2019

STAFF ATTORNEY POSITION

Housing Unit

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.

Greater Boston Legal Services has an opening for a Trial Attorney of at least 3 years' and up to 15 years' experience to represent tenants who are at risk of eviction.

The threat of homelessness places unbearable stress on some of the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community, and rapid development is causing widespread displacement. The attorney in this position will defend tenants from eviction in summary process cases and will engage in affirmative litigation. This is a position for an experienced attorney with significant trial experience, preferably with jury trials. The attorney will supervise several other staff attorneys and will be expected to take a leadership role in litigation and advocacy.

The position involves responsibility for client cases including interviews, fact investigation, research and analysis of law, development of written and oral legal arguments, negotiation with opposing counsel, preparation for and handling of administrative and court hearings. The position will also include legislative advocacy, policy advocacy, and law reform work. The attorney, working as part of the GBLS Housing Unit, will use individual cases to promote systemic change.

Qualifications: Admitted to the Massachusetts Bar or comity required. Experience in housing law preferred and trial experience required. Previous experience working with people in crisis preferred. Written and oral fluency in Spanish or another language spoken by GBLS' clients is preferred. An ability to build leadership and skills in newer attorneys and to work as part of a team are important qualities for this position.

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 brief writing sample to Sonia Marquez, Director of Human Resources, via e-mail at jobs@gbls.org. Please refer to the **Job Code: HU-EXPATT** when applying for this position. **Deadline is September 30, 2019**, or until position is filled. **GBLS encourages applicants from a broad range of backgrounds and experiences.**