



August 25, 2020

**LONG TERM TEMPORARY (LTT)
STAFF ATTORNEY POSITION
(Elder Benefits/Housing)**

Elder, Health and Disability 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 (GBLS) seeks a long term temp staff attorney for a period of one year, with the possibility of an extension for an additional year to work in the Elder, Health and Disability Unit. The staff attorney's responsibilities will include assisting elders with the full range of housing and state and federal public health and income benefits work. The attorney's initial focus will be on housing work will include representing elder tenants facing eviction in local district and housing courts and may include representing individual tenants facing Section 8 terminations. The staff attorney will also handle hearings on denials and terminations of SSI/SSDI. There will also be opportunities to work on cases involving SNAP, EAEDC, TAFDC, Medicare, and MassHealth. The responsibilities may involve administrative advocacy and legislative work on housing or public benefits issues.

The attorney will be sited at the GBLS's Boston office. However, at present due to COVID-19, most work will be handled remotely with limited work done in the office. This requires the ability to be able to effectively work remotely.

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, Medicare) or state benefits (TAFDC, EAEDC, SNAP, EA shelter, MassHealth) is preferred. Fluency in one or more of the languages in addition to English spoken by GBLS clients, such as Spanish or Haitian Creole, among others, is preferred.

Salary is based on a union scale with a starting salary of \$59,000. 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 **Job Code: EHD-LTTATT** when applying for this position. **Deadline is September 8, 2020**, or until position is filled. **GBLS encourages applicants from a broad range of backgrounds and experiences.**