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STAFF ATTORNEY POSITION (Education Law)

School to Prison Pipeline Intervention Project: Elder, Health and Disability Unit

Greater Boston 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.

Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) seeks a staff attorney with 2-6 years’ experience to work in the School to Prison Pipeline Intervention Project housed in the Elder, Health and Disability Unit.

The staff attorney’s responsibilities will include representing low-income students, with a particular focus on students with disabilities, students of color, and homeless students, in school discipline and related special education cases, as well as engaging in policy advocacy and systemic litigation. Generally, the staff attorney will manage an active caseload of 25 full representation cases plus additional advice and brief service matters. Additionally, the staff attorney will partner with student and caregiver organizers; conduct outreach efforts with mental health and social service providers, etc.; collaborate with child-focused coalitions to advocate for state-wide policy changes; and advocate for the interests of low-income students of color and students with disabilities across state agencies and school districts.

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 Massachusetts Bar. This position is for an attorney with 2-6 years’ experience in school discipline, special education, or related education law and a demonstrated commitment to racial justice and antipoverty legal work. We are seeking an attorney who has experience effectively collaborating with community organizers and community groups and who will zealously represent young people with disabilities who have a wide range of experiences, abilities, preferred languages, and backgrounds.

Salary is based on a union scale, which begins at $63,000 for an attorney with two years of experience. GBLS offers a generous benefits package, retirement contribution, a student loan repayment assistance plan for eligible attorneys, and generous PTO leave.

Candidates should submit letter of interest, resume and brief writing sample to the Personnel Team via email at jobs@gbls.org. Please refer to Job Code: EHD-SPP-ATT when applying for this position. Deadline is December 10, 2021, or until position is filled.

GBLS values diversity and encourages applicants from a broad range of backgrounds and experiences.