



**August 8, 2016**

**Organization: Greater Boston Legal Services**

**Fellowship: Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Elder Justice Legal Fellowship based at Greater Boston Legal Services, 197 Friend Street, Boston, MA 02114**

Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) is hosting a one-year fellowship sponsored by Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps to focus on assisting elderly victims of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. The attorney selected for the Fellowship will be housed at GBLS's local office. Per Equal Justice Works/AmeriCorps guidelines, the fellowship must begin between September 1 and September 30, 2016 and last for one year.

**Fellowship Description:** The Equal Justice Works Elder Justice Legal Fellow will:

- Provide high quality legal services to older adults who have been victims of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation. This will involve conducting intake, assembling evidence, conducting interviews and researching the relevant law.
- Create and support community elder abuse prevention coalitions of social workers, medical professionals, and law enforcement.
- Provide know your rights sessions at senior centers, assisted living communities, and other community-based settings.
- Recruit and train pro bono attorneys, through new and existing programs affiliated with the host sites.
- Collect data on the nature of the abuse and the services provided, including the indicia of abuse, the legal issue for which the client is receiving services, and the identity of the alleged perpetrators of abuse.
- Position is a one-year Fellowship, with a possible one year extension contingent upon continued AmeriCorps funding.

**Qualifications:**

The ideal candidate will have the following:

- The ability to undergo and pass AmeriCorps-mandated criminal background checks (only conviction for murder and/or presence on sex offender registry are automatic bars to service; other criminal convictions are allowable at the host site's discretion)
- A demonstrated commitment to public interest work and strong desire to assist indigent clients
- Strong writing, communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills
- The ability to work collaboratively in a variety of contexts
- Prior experience in managing independent projects or assignments
- Law school clinic, externship, summer or other relevant elder law experience
- The ability to begin the fellowship no later than September 30, 2016.
- state bar membership or eligibility to practice in Massachusetts under limited permission rule preferred (the latter is available as a result of bar membership in another state)

**Salary:**

The Fellow will receive annual living allowance, as well as financial support for housing, student loan repayment, and other permissible reimbursable living expenses. Additionally, Fellows receive an education award, health insurance, and other benefits. Interested applicants should contact Sonia Marquez, Personnel Director with any follow up questions.

**Other Benefits Provided by GBLS:**

- Health and dental insurance provided
- Position related travel reimbursement and bar dues provided
- Opportunities to participate in national substantive training on elder law and in a variety of local and regional skills based and substantive trainings

**Other Benefits and Professional Opportunities offered by AmeriCorps:**

- Student loan forbearance and interest accrual payment upon successful completion of service
- Opportunity to attend national trainings focused on leadership, networking, and project development sponsored by Equal Justice Works
- Opportunity to attend a two-day training on elder law
- Childcare assistance (if income eligible)

**Application Instructions:**

Interested candidates should email a letter of interest and resume no later than September 1, 2016 to: Sonia Marquez at: [jobs@gbls.org](mailto:jobs@gbls.org) with the subject line: AmeriCorps Fellowship-EHD– [Your Last Name]. The letter of interest should clearly refer to the Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Fellowship-EHD position. Applications will be reviewed as they are submitted. The Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Fellow is scheduled to begin the term of service no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

GBLS is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, disability or veteran status.

Application Deadline: 9/1/16, but candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.