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External/Internal posting

**STAFF ATTORNEY POSITION
FAMILY LAW UNIT**

Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) seeks a full time staff attorney. The attorney will work in the Family Law Unit to provide legal services to and on behalf of victims of domestic violence in contested matters in the Probate and Family Courts in GBLS's service area (Suffolk, Middlesex, Norfolk, and Plymouth Counties) and in related legislative, administrative and systemic efforts.

Responsibilities include: Handling and managing family law litigation caseload of at least 25 full representation cases plus additional advice, counsel and brief service matters; Representing clients at all levels of litigation including trials and appeals; Participating in legislative, administrative and other systemic advocacy designed to promote the interests of GBLS clients; Developing and promoting relationships with community and governmental agencies to advance the interests of victims of domestic violence; Participating in unit and/or program-wide projects including but, not limited to: acting as a trainer or presenter at substantive law events, supervising students, unit administrative tasks; Maintaining up-to-date knowledge and skills in family law and trial practice and other poverty law substantive areas; and performing other duties as requested.

Requirements: Admission to the Massachusetts Bar or comity; One to five years of experience in domestic relations, domestic violence, or related work; Excellent writing, research, organization and case file management skills; Demonstrated understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence; Demonstrated commitment to social justice and/or providing legal services to the poor; Cultural competence or willingness to learn cultural competence required to fully serve GBLS's diverse client constituencies; Ability to work with a team, and fully engage in the work of the unit and the program to implement its core vision and the core mission of GBLS; Bilingual capacity in Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish, Haitian-Creole, or Portuguese strongly desired. Must be able to drive to courts and events in other counties and parts of the state.

GBLS is an AA/EO/Handicapped employer committed to diversity in the workforce and regards differences as assets. Salary is based on union scale. Generous benefits package, including 100% paid health and dental for full-time employees and student loan repayment assistance plan for eligible attorneys. 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: Fam-ATT** when applying for this position. Deadline is December 22, 2016 or until the position is filled.