

## Job Announcement

### Oregon Law Center Staff Attorney—Hillsboro Regional Office

**POSITION:** Oregon Law Center (OLC) seeks a full-time staff attorney to provide civil legal services to low-income clients. The position is based in Hillsboro, serving clients in five northwest Oregon counties.

**ABOUT US:** OLC is a legal services program committed to achieving justice for the low-income communities of Oregon by providing a full range of the highest quality civil legal services. OLC does not receive funding from the federal Legal Services Corporation. OLC operates ten offices, a state support unit, a legislative advocacy unit, and a statewide farmworker program. OLC works closely with Legal Aid Services of Oregon and other partners in Oregon's coordinated civil legal services delivery system.

OLC's Hillsboro Regional Office comprises nine attorneys, three paralegals, and four legal assistants; four staff members are part-time. Its main office is in Hillsboro, with smaller offices in St. Helens and McMinnville. Priorities are set according to client need. Current priorities include family law, focused on domestic violence; housing, focused on fair housing and subsidized housing; administrative law; child support; employment law; consumer law; elder law; and long-term care facility issues. We seek to make a difference in clients' lives, and to help eliminate the barriers that cause poverty or reduce our clients' ability to escape from poverty.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** The staff attorney will handle impact litigation and individual cases, with a significant emphasis on work in state courts on domestic violence issues and civil law protections of victims in stalking and sexual assault cases. The staff attorney will conduct community education and outreach to clients and community-based groups, which includes frequent travel. Staff attorneys also have opportunities to promote the interest of low income individuals in the development and implementation of laws, regulations, policies, and practices that directly affect our clients.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

Admission to Oregon Bar or willingness to take the next bar exam.

2 to 7 years of legal experience.

Demonstrated commitment to justice for low-income communities.

A high degree of initiative and ability to independently manage a caseload.

Strong interpersonal communication skills, sense of humor, and positive attitude.

Excellent written and verbal advocacy skills.

Interest in thinking creatively about how to address our clients' legal issues.

#### **PREFERENCES:**

Fluency in spoken and written Spanish or another language spoken in the client community.

Experience representing low-income clients, especially non-English-speaking communities.

Experience with litigation, especially domestic relations and restraining orders.

Personal experience with poverty, disability, or any other minority status or affiliation.

Training or experience in the dynamics of domestic violence and providing trauma-informed services.

**SALARY/BENEFITS:** Salary depends on experience. Additional compensation for bilingual ability. Good benefits package.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Apply by July 15, 2016. To apply, submit your resume and letter of interest to Leslea Smith, Regional Director, Hillsboro Regional Office, [lsmith@oregonlawcenter.org](mailto:lsmith@oregonlawcenter.org).

**OLC is an equal opportunity employer committed to creating a healthy work environment for a diverse staff. Minority applicants are encouraged to apply.**