EXPERIENCED FAMILY LAW ATTORNEYS

South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc. (SCCLS), a non-profit legal services program providing free civil legal assistance to eligible low-income and elder residents seeks to hire family law practitioners, experienced in working with victims of domestic violence. The attorneys will provide legal representation for the region’s most vulnerable low-income residents, many of whom face numerous barriers to navigating court and administrative process effectively, especially with virtual formats. The attorneys will work from one of our 4 law offices.

The Organization: SCCLS and its subsidiary, the Justice Center of Southeast Massachusetts (JCSM), with a staff of nearly 75 and 4 law offices in Brockton, Fall River, New Bedford and Hyannis, is the principal provider of free, civil legal aid to low-income residents of Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod, and the islands of Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket. SCCLS’ core mission is to achieve justice for eligible clients through community-based advocacy. The organization prioritizes legal services in: housing, public benefits, elder law, domestic relations, employment, education, immigration, and consumer matters.

Duties Include: Attorneys primarily will represent eligible clients in family law matters where domestic violence is involved. Attorneys are expected to provide quality legal representation; work on grants supporting family law efforts; assist with the timely preparation of grant reports; engage in outreach and community education; and engage with the statewide network of advocates representing clients experiencing domestic violence.

Qualifications:

1. Admitted in MA or eligible for admission; prior family law experience required;
2. Experience representing vulnerable populations desirable; commitment to working with clients who may have experienced poverty, trauma or discrimination required;
3. Ability to work independently and as a team member; goal and detail oriented with ability to prioritize; ability to be flexible and multi-task; supervisory and/or leadership experience desirable;
4. Commitment to race equity, anti-racism and economic justice in the workplace and in providing legal services;
5. Ability to engage effectively in person and remotely with people from diverse cultures, diverse opinions and values, including staff, volunteers, students, community members and funders;
6. Fluency in a second language which reflects our client communities (Spanish, Portuguese, Cape Verdean Creole, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, Khmer) preferred;

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS: SCCLS offers competitive compensation based on comparable public interest salaries and commensurate with experience. Multi-lingual annual increment to base salary may be added for demonstrated language skills. Generous benefits and leave offered.

APPLY: Submit letter of interest and resume by email to: LThelin@sccls.org with Subject Line: Family Law Attorneys

SCCLS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and we welcome applicants from a broad range of backgrounds and experiences. We strive to foster a healthy, inclusive environment where all staff, clients, and community members are valued, empowered and recognized, especially individuals who come from marginalized communities that are often under resourced, underserved, and underrepresented.

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