

# Children's Law Center of Massachusetts

And

## The Youth Advocacy Department of CPCS

### Education Attorneys to Establish New National Model Civil Gideon Project

The Children's Law Center of Massachusetts (CLCM or Law Center) is a legal advocacy and resource center for low-income children and youth of the Commonwealth. Created in 1977, the agency is based in Lynn and maintains project offices in Lawrence and Roxbury. The CLCM provides a range of legal services--from individual representation and technical assistance to trainings, outreach and systems reform--in the areas of education, child welfare and juvenile justice. The Youth Advocacy Department (YAD) is the juvenile defender branch of the Massachusetts statewide public defender agency, the Committee for Public Counsel Services. CLCM and YAD have collaborated on numerous initiatives, including the Boston-based *EdLaw Project*.

The Law Center and YAD seek an attorney(s) to handle a caseload of education matters with an emphasis on defending youth disciplined by, or excluded from, Massachusetts schools. This endeavor is designed to address an emerging and critical legal need among indigent youth, many from communities of color, who are denied education services or, worse yet, thrust into the juvenile or adult justice system for school-related behaviors often beyond their control. The position will involve direct representation before schools, administrative bodies, and the state and federal courts, as deemed necessary. Job locations in Boston and/or Worcester.

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