

LEGAL SERVICES/PRO BONO PROGRAM SEEKS ATTORNEY

Massachusetts Justice Project (MJP) is seeking an attorney with 0-3 years experience to provide support to its Volunteer Legal Services Program (VLS). MJP is the Legal Service Corporation funded provider of civil legal services for eligible low-income residents of the five county (Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester) central/western region of the state. MJP provides centralized telephone intake, advice and referral to all five counties. MJP partners with two state funded legal aid providers, Western Massachusetts Legal Services and Legal Assistance of Central Massachusetts for a full range of legal services, including housing, unemployment benefits, consumer/bankruptcy issues, and family law matters. Many cases are referred to members of the *pro bono* panel, with VLS providing training and ongoing support. MJP has VLS staff in both Holyoke and Worcester offices.

Responsibilities:

- Assist in the development and expansion of *pro bono* Limited Attorney Representation opportunities in housing and bankruptcy law, with a possibility of developing a third area of expertise;
- Train and mentor the *pro bono* panel;
- Assist with recruitment of volunteer attorneys through outreach to lawyers, law firms and bar associations;
- Supervise paralegals and law students as assigned; and
Provide direct representation to clients, including representing, clients in court and/or administrative hearings.

Qualifications:

- Legal experience, particularly in either housing or bankruptcy law, is helpful, but not required;
- Demonstrated commitment to serving low-income clients;
- Excellent communication skills and computer literacy;
- Fluency in Spanish preferred but not required; and
- Admitted to the Bar in Massachusetts or eligible for admission.

MJP offers a supportive workplace with many opportunities to learn. Please send resume and cover letter to: Guy Lescault, Executive Director, Massachusetts Justice Project, glescault@majp.org

MJP is an equal opportunity employer and encourages women, people, of color, bi-cultural individuals, and persons with disabilities to apply.

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