

Position Announcement
The Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia
AmeriCorps Recovery Fellow
Foreclosure Prevention

The Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia seeks an attorney to serve as an Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellow to work on a foreclosure prevention project. The Project will engage in outreach, counseling and litigation to assist low-income homeowners to prevent loss due to foreclosure or foreclosure related fraud.

The Legal Aid Society is a non-profit civil legal assistance program in the District of Columbia. Formed in 1932, Legal Aid provides legal representation on a range of issues including consumer, eviction prevention, preservation of affordable housing, public benefits, domestic violence, and family law.

Tasks and Duties

The selected attorney will engage in a range of activities to assist low-income individuals and families to prevent the loss of a home through foreclosure. Tasks will include community education, client counseling, negotiation with lenders and litigation.

Qualifications

The ideal candidate will have the following:

- Strong communication skills.
- The ability to work collaboratively with other staff.
- Law school clinic, legal services or the equivalent experience.
- A demonstrated commitment to social and economic justice.
- The ability to start work before September 30, 2009.

Membership or eligibility for membership in the DC bar is desirable. Spanish or other relevant language skills a plus.

Salary and Benefits

Compensation for this position is set at \$ 45,600 which includes:

- \$22,800 AmeriCorps living allowance;
- \$22,800 supplemental benefits for certain expenses (housing, loans repayment assistance, etc.);
- Health, Dental, and Vision Insurance coverage;
- \$4,725 AmeriCorps Segal Education Award upon successful completion of service; and
- Student loan forbearance and interest accrual payment upon successful completion of service.

To Apply

Legal Aid encourages all interested persons regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion or disability to apply. Interested persons should send a letter of interest and resume to AmeriCorpssearch@legalaiddc.org or by regular mail to:

AmeriCorps Search
Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia
1331 H Street, N.W., Suite 350
Washington, D.C. 20005

Applications will be reviewed as they are submitted. Position must be filled by September 30, 2009.