

## Petersburg Housing Attorney

### Equal Justice Works Housing Justice Program Fellow

Central Virginia Legal Aid Society (CVLAS) seeks an attorney to participate in the Equal Justice Works Housing Justice Program, a two-year fellowship program, in our Petersburg office. Equal Justice Works is the nation's largest facilitator of opportunities in public interest law. The *Equal Justice Works Housing Justice Program* is a program comprised of Attorney Fellows and Organizer Fellows who, over the course of a two-year fellowship term, will be part of a targeted initiative to address the justice gap in the Commonwealth of Virginia through responsive, context-specific innovations and interventions focused on housing justice. Attorney Fellows and Organizer Fellows work as a unified front to fight a variety of injustices related to housing instability and involuntary displacement in Virginia, particularly due to eviction. The CVLAS Fellow will provide direct legal services (including impact litigation), strategic partnership building, outreach & education in housing related cases.

The ideal Fellow will possess a demonstrated commitment to public interest work and a strong desire to assist indigent clients and possess the following qualifications:

- Licensed to practice law in Virginia
- Commitment to social justice
- Excellent writing, communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills
- Strong oral and negotiation skills, and the ability to work as a team member
- An ability to work collaboratively in a multidisciplinary setting to facilitate a coordinated community response and provide holistic services to clients

The following qualifications are preferred:

- Prior experience in managing independent projects or assignments
- Experience with delivering training and presentations
- Diverse economic, social and cultural experiences and a second language
- Law school clinic, externship, summer, or other relevant practice experience
- Knowledge of housing benefits law and/or experience with housing and benefits agencies

As a Fellow, you will develop experience and skills to be a leader in social justice while promoting tenant protections and working directly with households experiencing housing instability. As a cohort, Fellows are expected to actively participate in peer-to-peer learning and required trainings delivered by Equal Justice Works and training partners throughout the year. In addition, Fellows will attend Equal Justice

Works' Leadership Development Training in October 2022 and 2023. Fellows are expected to fulfill the complete duration of the Fellowship and will be required to sign a Fellowship Agreement with EJW

Starting salary is \$60,000+ (depending on experience) with excellent benefits. Send cover letter, resume, and writing sample to Michelle King, [michelle@cvas.org](mailto:michelle@cvas.org).

Central Virginia Legal Aid Society is committed to inclusive hiring and dedicated to diversity in our work and staff. We strongly encourage candidates of all identities, experiences and communities to apply. Central Virginia Legal Aid Society does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, disability or veteran status.

**Applications are considered on a rolling basis, so candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.**