



## **EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS HOUSING JUSTICE PROGRAM FELLOW**

### **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**

Community Legal Services of Prince George's County, Inc., seeks an attorney to participate in the Equal Justice Works Housing Justice Fellowship Program in our Prince George's County, Maryland Eviction Prevention Program office. Equal Justice Works is the nation's largest facilitator of opportunities in public interest law. It facilitates Fellowships at legal services organizations to help fulfill our nation's promise of equal justice for all. The Housing Justice Program is the only Equal Justice Works program that employs both lawyers and organizers to work together as Fellows at legal aid and grassroots organizations in areas where evictions and housing instability have reached epidemic proportions.

The Housing Justice Program is a two-year fellowship with the targeted mission of disrupting the cycle of evictions and housing instability for low-income tenants by providing free civil legal assistance, community outreach, and advocacy to create systematic change and access to counsel in eviction proceedings.

The Housing Justice Fellow will work closely with our Eviction Prevention Program which provides free, same-day and general legal representation to low-income tenants in Prince George's County landlord/tenant court. This is a full-time, 2-year appointment, which will require in-person court appearances.

### **FELLOWSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Providing direct legal services including legal screening, brief advice, limited and full-scope representation to low-income tenants in cases involving Failure to Pay Rent, Tenant Holding Over, Wrongful Detainer, and Breach of Lease
- Contributing to required programmatic reporting and overall program evaluation
- Actively contributing to and participating in Housing Justice Program cohort activities (mandatory webinars, conference calls, and training events including the Equal Justice Works Leadership Development Training in Fall 2022 and 2023)
- Strategizing, planning, and conducting training and outreach to communities and community organizations in furtherance of housing stability for low-income populations

### **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS**

- Licensed to practice law in Maryland
- Strong desire to assist low-income clients

- Excellent writing, communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills
- The ability to work well as a team member
- Experience with delivering training and presentations is a plus
- An ability to work collaboratively in a multidisciplinary setting to facilitate a coordinated community response and provide holistic services to clients
- Spanish proficiency is a plus

## **LOCATION**

Hyattsville District Courthouse located at 4990 Rhode Island Ave., Hyattsville, MD

Fellows will be allowed to telework when not in court

## **SALARY**

**\$65,000**

## **FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS**

Two weeks paid vacation, 7 days of paid sick leave, \$50,000 life insurance, long-term disability insurance, and a 403(b) retirement plan through Mutual of America

Equal Justice Works Fellows are part of a network of over 2,500 current and former Fellows dedicated to improving access to equal justice for all. As a member of the network, each Fellow has access to:

- A kick-off training event to foster learning and networking among the Housing Justice Program Fellows
- Equal Justice Works' annual Leadership Development Training, which is attended by ~300 current Fellows each year. The conference will be virtual in 2022 and in-person in 2023
- Responsive training and technical assistance from local and national partners including the National Housing Law Project, the National Coalition for a Civil Right to Counsel, and Voices for Civil Justice
- Regular substantive and skills-based webinars throughout the Fellowship

**If interested, please email a resume, cover letter, and references to Managing Attorney, Kayla Williams, at [williams@clspgc.org](mailto:williams@clspgc.org)**

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

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