

Position Title:

HEALTH ATTORNEY

Application Deadline:

Open Until Filled – Interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis; qualified candidates should submit applications promptly

Position Background and Description:

Massachusetts Law Reform Institute (MLRI), a nationally-recognized nonprofit statewide poverty law and policy center, seeks a dynamic and creative attorney with experience in multi-forum advocacy and a background in health law and policy. This position provides an exciting opportunity to advocate on a variety of health-related poverty law issues throughout the state. The successful candidate will work in each aspect of MLRI's multi-forum advocacy strategy: leading high impact litigation, engaging in policy advocacy, and providing assistance and trainings to local legal services attorneys.

About MLRI:

Founded in 1968, MLRI provides statewide advocacy and leadership in advancing laws, policies, and practices that secure economic, racial, and social justice for low-income people and communities. MLRI furthers its mission through impact litigation, policy advocacy, coalition building, community lawyering, and public information. In addition, MLRI serves as the poverty law support center for the Massachusetts civil legal aid delivery system and advocacy community. Our advocates provide expertise and support to local legal aid programs; social service, health care and human service providers; and community organizations that serve low income people throughout the state. MLRI is one of the nation's premier statewide poverty law and policy centers. For 50 years it has been responsible for groundbreaking litigation, policies, and innovative strategies that have advanced the rights of low-income people in Massachusetts.

Key Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with the other MLRI health attorney and coalition partners to identify and develop strategies to ensure access to affordable, quality health care for all.
- Engage in high impact litigation related to health care for the poor.
- Engage in policy and administrative advocacy to ensure access to high quality, affordable health care for low-income Massachusetts residents.
- Provide expertise, research, and advocacy support through consultation, technical assistance, publications, training, and education, particularly to legal services organizations and other community-based advocacy organizations.
- Work closely with coalition partners on health-related budget and legislative initiatives.
- Plan and facilitate health policy meetings with local advocates.
- Work with and build coalitions to improve and protect access to health care
- Draft and disseminate reports, legal analyses, and educational materials to our partners.

Desired Experience & Qualifications:

- J.D. and licensed to practice law in Massachusetts
- Minimum 5 years post-law school legal experience

- Expertise in one or more areas of health law including Medicaid/MassHealth, Exchange/Health Connector, the Affordable Care Act, health safety net programs, the uninsured, improving delivery of care, social determinants of health, and the intersection of these issues with racial justice.
- Litigation experience
- Excellent writing and legal research skills
- Ability to identify complex cross-substantive legal issues
- Demonstrated ability to work with community groups and coalitions
- Excellent oral communication and interpersonal skills
- Strong organizational skills and the ability to lead/coordinate a coalition or team of partners
- Strategic thinker
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively
- Commitment to MLRI's mission to serve low-income and vulnerable populations
- Bi-lingual (especially Spanish-speaking) highly desirable

Compensation/Benefits: Position is full-time, though part-time (80%) employment is negotiable. Salary is commensurate with experience level and qualifications. Generous benefits package, including leave, health and dental, 403(b) plan.

To Apply: Candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and a brief writing sample to Georgia Katsoulomitis, Executive Director, via email at: HumanResources@mlri.org (no phone calls please). Interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis. Qualified candidates are encouraged to submit applications as early as possible.

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