

Staff Attorney

Summary

Massachusetts Law Reform Institute (MLRI) seeks a dynamic and creative attorney to take a leading role in legislative and administrative advocacy and impact litigation to improve and protect access to critical safety net programs, including but not limited to SNAP, TANF cash assistance and subsidized child care.

MLRI

MLRI is a nonprofit statewide poverty law and policy center. Our mission is to use the law to advance economic, racial and social justice. For over fifty years, MLRI has advocated for families, individuals, and communities living in poverty. We pursue systems change through litigation, legislative advocacy, administrative advocacy, coalition-building and other strategies to address laws, policies and practices that harm low income people. We also provide technical support and substantive expertise to frontline legal aid field programs and other providers who serve low income communities in Massachusetts.

Qualifications for the Position

MLRI seeks a lawyer with the following minimum qualifications: 1) J.D. degree and admission to a state bar; 2) excellent writing, legal research, and oral advocacy skills; 3) a passion for MLRI's mission and excitement about engaging in legislative advocacy, coalition-building, and litigation as well using other tools to improve and protect the safety net; and 4) a commitment to diversity and to working collaboratively. We especially seek candidates with one or more of the following additional qualifications: 1) a track record of leadership in civil litigation challenging government policies and practices; 2) a track record of leadership in legislative advocacy; 3) substantive knowledge of one or more safety net programs; 4) a track record of leadership in policy advocacy; 5) ability to speak Spanish, Portuguese or other language spoken by substantial numbers of low-income households in Massachusetts; 6) a track record of working with coalitions and grassroots groups and building coalitions.

Salary and Fringe Benefits

Salary is based on MLRI's salary scale. Fringe benefits include health, dental, long and short-term disability, and term life insurance; generous vacation, holiday and family leave policies.

Applications

To apply, please email a cover letter, resume and writing sample to HumanResources@mlri.org.

MLRI is an equal opportunity employer. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color national origin, sex, religion, disability, family status, sexual orientation, gender identity or any illegal factor. MLRI encourages applications from former recipients of public assistance, people who know poverty first hand, people of color and persons with disabilities.