

OLC Managing Attorney - Ontario, OR

Position: Oregon Law Center (OLC) seeks a managing attorney to provide leadership and management for the five-person office located in Ontario, Oregon.

Background: OLC is an effective legal services program committed to achieving justice for the low-income communities of Oregon by providing a full range of the highest quality civil legal services. OLC does not receive funding from the federal Legal Services Corporation. OLC operates offices located in Coos Bay, Eugene, Grants Pass, Hillsboro, McMinnville, Ontario, Portland, Salem, St. Helens, and Woodburn. OLC has litigation support, farmworker, and legislative advocacy units. OLC's priorities are based on a client needs assessments and change from year-to-year.

The Ontario office provides legal services to four counties in rural Eastern Oregon. The office service area includes a high percentage of Spanish speaking people and a high poverty rate. The office has a history of being an integral part of the community and effectively using advocacy skills to improve conditions for clients through complex litigation and policy advocacy. Ontario is a rural community, located on the Snake River in the Treasure Valley at the border with Idaho. It is approximately one hour from Boise and an easy drive to beautiful deserts, mountains, and rivers.

Responsibilities: The attorney in this position is responsible for creating and maintaining an excellent legal aid office as defined by the criteria for manager evaluation and program values statement. Attorneys in this office are expected to engage in a combination of impact litigation and service cases, with a significant emphasis on impact work in state and federal courts. An important aspect of this position is to engage in community outreach to the client community, client based organizations, and other partners. This position offers an exciting opportunity to use leadership skills to make a real difference for the low-income communities of Oregon.

Requirements: Demonstrated commitment to serving low-income communities. A high degree of initiative and willingness to work collaboratively. Strong interpersonal communication skills, a sense of humor, and positive attitude. Experience representing low-income clients, and Spanish speaking clients, on issues related to housing law, employment law, administrative law, family law, or consumer law is a plus. Not less than three years of relevant experience. Management training and/or experience is valuable. Admission to Oregon Bar or willingness to take next exam. Spanish language skills preferred.

How To Apply: Send resume, cover letter, and list of references to: David Thornburgh, at dthornburgh@oregonlawcenter.org Open until filled.

OLC is an equal opportunity employer committed to creating a healthy work environment for a diverse staff. We encourage people from diverse backgrounds and communities to apply.