

## Job Announcement

### OLC Staff Attorney—Portland Regional Office

**POSITION:** Oregon Law Center (OLC) seeks a full-time staff attorney to provide civil legal services to low-income clients. The position is based in downtown Portland and serves clients throughout northwest Oregon.

**ABOUT US:** OLC is a 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 eleven regional offices, a state support unit, legislative advocacy unit, and statewide farmworker program. OLC works closely with Legal Aid Services of Oregon and other partners in Oregon's coordinated civil legal services delivery system.

OLC's Portland Regional Office comprises five attorneys, a paralegal, and legal assistant, and shares office space with statewide staff. We set priorities according to client need; current priorities are housing, employment, administrative, health, education, consumer and civil rights. We seek to make a real difference in clients' lives and to help eliminate the barriers that cause poverty or reduce our clients' ability to escape poverty.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** The staff attorney will handle impact litigation and individual cases, with a significant emphasis on impact work in state and federal courts. The staff attorney will conduct community education and outreach to clients and community-based groups, which includes irregular hours, frequent daytime travel and occasional overnight travel. There are also opportunities to promote the interests of low-income individuals in the development and implementation of laws, regulations, policies and practices that directly affect our clients.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

Demonstrated commitment to justice for low-income communities.

A high degree of initiative and ability to independently manage a caseload.

Strong interpersonal communication skills, sense of humor, and positive attitude.

Excellent written and verbal advocacy skills.

Interest in thinking creatively about how to address our clients' legal issues.

#### **PREFERENCES:**

Fluency in spoken and written Spanish strongly preferred.

Admission to Oregon Bar.

Experience representing low-income clients, especially non-English-speaking communities.

Experience with complex, impact litigation.

Between two and ten years of legal experience.

Personal experience with poverty, disability, or any other minority status or affiliation.

**SALARY/BENEFITS:** Salary depends on experience. Good benefits package.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Apply by May 23, 2018. Please note that due to the number of applications, OLC may be unable to respond to every application. We will contact you if we decide to pursue your application. No phone calls please. To apply, submit your resume, cover letter, and list of three references to Marisa Samuelson, Managing Attorney, Portland Regional Office, [msamuelson@oregonlawcenter.org](mailto:msamuelson@oregonlawcenter.org). If applicable, please describe your Spanish proficiency level. **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.**