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JOB POSTING: CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR HOUSING LAW CLINIC MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIP

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The Legal Services Center (LSC) of Harvard Law School seeks to hire a Clinic Instructor (CI) to lead our Housing Law Clinic's medical-legal partnership (MLP) with Brigham & Women's Hospital (BWH) and its affiliated community healthcare centers. The CI will serve as a key member of the Housing Law Clinic team, leading the MLP, litigating eviction defense and housing conditions cases, and supervising clinical law students. The Housing Law Clinic provides free legal representation to low-income clients at risk of eviction or currently unhoused, with an overarching mission of preventing homelessness and increasing access to safe housing. Simultaneously, the Housing Law Clinic trains, supervises, and mentors Harvard Law School clinical students in their representation of clients. In carrying out the work of the MLP, the CI will closely collaborate with BWH's Social Care team's leadership and staff to improve health outcomes and housing stability for individual clients and to foster the MLP's continued evolution and growth. The position represents a unique opportunity to combine housing advocacy, interdisciplinary collaboration, and clinical teaching.

As a Clinical Instructor, you will:

- Serve as lead counsel or co-counsel in Clinic cases, litigating an active docket of eviction defense and related cases on behalf of clients who are at risk of homelessness or currently unhoused
- Screen cases for merit and help maintain and manage the Clinic's diverse docket of housing cases that emerge from the partnership with BWH
- Manage a caseload made up of referrals from BWH and its affiliated community health centers; collaborate with hospital staff (including physicians, social workers, and community advocates) to facilitate client referrals and partner with hospital staff on shared cases
- Lead the work of the partnership with BWH through regular engagement, cross-training, program evaluation, and related efforts
- Take a leadership role in project development and management; participate in program evaluation; work with other program leaders to develop short-term and long-term planning for the Clinic and the partnership with BWH and identify strategic opportunities to respond to community need
- Train, supervise, and mentor clinical law students who are serving clients of the partnership and help develop and implement effective clinical pedagogy tailored to the needs of the partnership

Basic Qualifications

Candidates must possess a J.D., have at least 3 years of relevant experience, and be admitted to the Massachusetts bar or eligible for temporary admission pursuant to Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Rule 3:04.

Additional Qualifications and Skills

We are looking for people who have:

• Demonstrated commitment to social justice advocacy

- Meaningful experience in housing advocacy
- Dedication to interdisciplinary work and partnering with healthcare providers
- Knowledge about the social determinants of health
- Track record of developing and/or contributing to creative advocacy strategies
- Passion for teaching and mentoring; experience with or an interest in clinical education
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity and an inclusive working and learning environment
- Collaborative and entrepreneurial spirit with the proven ability to work in teams and independently

Additional Information

This is a one-year term appointment with potential for renewal for an additional two years, subject to departmental funding and need. The position is based on site at the Legal Services Center in Jamaica Plain, MA. There may be the possibility for some hybrid work subject to business need and manager review and approval. All offers to be made by HLS Human Resources. We regret that Harvard Law School is unable to provide visa sponsorship for staff positions.

To Apply

Applications must be submitted via Harvard's Human Resources website. The posting and online application portal can be found https://sjobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/home/HomeWithPreLoad?partnerid=25240&siteid=5341&PageType=JobDetails&jobid=2011628. The posting on the Harvard Human Resources website provides further information about benefits, salary range, and other details.

About the Housing Law Clinic

To learn more about the Housing Law Clinic, including our <u>Housing Justice for Survivors Project</u> and our partnership with <u>City Life/Vida Urbana</u>, please visit <u>here</u>, <u>here</u>, and <u>here</u>.

About the Legal Services Center

Located at the crossroads of Jamaica Plain and Roxbury in the City of Boston, the Legal Services Center is a community-based clinical law program of Harvard Law School. Through six clinical offerings—Family Law/Domestic Violence Clinic, Predatory Lending/Consumer Protection Clinic, Housing Clinic, Veterans Legal Clinic, Federal Tax Clinic, and the LGBTQ+ Advocacy Clinic—and numerous projects and pro bono initiatives we provide essential legal services to low-income residents of Greater Boston and in some instances, where cases present important law reform opportunities, to clients outside our service area. Our longstanding mission is to educate law students for practice and professional service while simultaneously meeting the critical needs of the community. Since 1979, we have engaged in cutting-edge litigation and legal strategies to improve the lives of individual clients, to seek systemic change for the communities we serve, and to provide law students with a singular opportunity to develop fundamental lawyering skills within a public interest law setting. To these ends, we actively partner with a diverse array of organizations, including healthcare and social service providers and advocacy groups, and continually adapt our practice areas to meet the changing legal needs of our client communities. We encourage diversity, value unique voices, and pursue with passion our twin goals of teaching law students and advocating for clients. To learn more about LSC, please visit here.