

JOB TITLE: Staff Attorney--Housing

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The Medical-Legal Partnership for Children (MLPC) and the Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP) seek a full-time shared Staff Attorney who will focus on housing-related legal needs that implicate health (e.g., housing conditions cases, health- and disability- and safety-based transfer cases, utility service disputes, etc.) and coordinate a growing pro bono service delivery infrastructure at community health center-based legal clinics. MLPC and VLP have partnered to leverage their respective expertises and further pro bono integration in the medical-legal partnership service delivery model. The Staff Attorney will: (1) maintain and expand the network of private law firm "adoptions" of health care settings, including implementation of such on-site partnerships; (2) engage in case consultations with health care providers and mentor pro bono attorneys on housing cases; (3) train health care providers, pro bono attorneys, and other stakeholders on advocacy issues impacting child health and well-being; and (4) carry a modest load of housing cases with a view to identifying systemic advocacy opportunities implicating housing access and child health.

EDUCATION/SKILLS REQUIRED:

Candidate must be admitted to Massachusetts bar; 4-6 years of practice preferred; housing law or poverty law experience preferred; fluency in second language (common to Boston-area immigrant communities) and bicultural preferred; demonstrated interest in working in public interest sector; excellent oral and written communication skills; superior organizational skills.

TO APPLY:

Candidates should submit a cover letter ("re: Staff Attorney - Housing"), resume, writing sample, and references to: Samantha Morton, Deputy Director, Medical-Legal Partnership for Children, Boston Medical Center, 91 East Concord Street, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02118 or via e-mail to Samantha.Morton@bmc.org. Position will remain open until appropriate candidate is identified.