



# SeniorLAW Center

Protecting the Rights of Older Pennsylvanians

## **Pursuing Justice For Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Project Part-Time Staff Attorney Position- Montgomery County Available Immediately**

### **Background**

Founded in 1978, SeniorLAW Center is a dynamic, nonprofit public interest legal services organization with its mission to seek justice for older people by using the power of the law, educating the community and advocating on local, state and national levels. We are the only nonprofit agency in Pennsylvania, and one of few in the nation wholly dedicated to providing legal assistance and protecting the legal rights of older persons. SeniorLAW Center prioritizes its services to older people who are low-income, cultural and racial minorities, disabled, victims of crime and family violence, and/or facing other vulnerabilities and challenges. We fight senior poverty, fraud and homelessness, provide protection from elder abuse and financial exploitation, enable grandparents to raise grandchildren, and improve access to justice.

### **The Project**

SeniorLAW Center seeks candidates to join its Pursuing Justice for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Project. The goal of this federally funded state-wide initiative is to enhance legal assistance for older adults raising young children when birth parents cannot, especially considering today's opioid crisis. The project is particularly focused on aging adults who would not otherwise have access to legal assistance or resources due to a variety of reasons, such as, economic, geographic, or language barriers. While the initial focus will be on custody and family law matters, the project further aims to offer a holistic approach to meet a variety client needs. Therefore, the project will also address matters of basic human need affecting these intergenerational families which represent a host of practice areas, including, housing, financial stability, life planning, health care, and family violence.

### **The Position**

We seek a part-time (20 hours/week) staff attorney who will focus on matters in Montgomery County. Courtroom appearances and experience are required. This will be the first time we offer full representation for custody matters outside of Philadelphia and we need a dynamic person to help launch this initiative. Therefore, the ideal candidate is an active member in local legal professional organizations with the ability to network regarding our new project.

The candidate should also possess an interest, ability, and appropriate attitude to deal with the unique challenges of working with older adults. The candidate must possess great interpersonal

skills, including excellent verbal and written communication abilities; excellent organizational and database skills; the ability to be a team player, and to meet deadlines. Preference will be given to those demonstrating a commitment to pro bono work, law and aging, and/or legal services for low-income communities. The attorney will report to the project director with access to our Montgomery County office location; we anticipate a hybrid model of working from home and from the office.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- All aspects of full representation: Client intake, advice, drafting and filing pleadings, and court appearances
- Maintain case files and case management software/database
- Work within the project team and communicate regularly with project director
- Provide legal services through our Pennsylvania SeniorLAW HelpLine
- Lead community outreach efforts to raise awareness of our program and the services we provide
- Key involvement with initiative to increase pro bono capacity

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania
- Excellent writing, organizational, and interpersonal skills
- Interest and ability to work with older people and persons of different backgrounds
- Minimum 2 years of legal experience preferred, but not required
- Familiarity with custody matters is strongly preferred

This is a part-time exempt position. Salary range: \$31,000-\$34,000, dependent upon experience. SeniorLAW Center has a Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for all staff and volunteers. All applications should include cover letter, resume, and at least 3 professional references, as well as salary requirements.

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*SeniorLAW Center is an equal opportunity employer, that values and seeks diversity and inclusion in all aspects of its work. Persons from diverse backgrounds and orientations are encouraged to apply.*