



SeniorLAW Center

Seeking Justice for Older People

Staff Attorney, Consumer and Homeownership Rights

Full-time position available immediately

Background

Founded in 1978, SeniorLAW Center is a dynamic nonprofit public interest legal services organization whose mission is 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 non-profit agency in Pennsylvania whose sole focus is providing legal assistance to older persons and protecting their legal rights. SeniorLAW Center prioritizes those in the greatest economic and social need: those who are low-income, cultural and racial minorities, the disabled, and those 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. Join our team that promotes access to justice, in a supportive and flexible hybrid work environment.

Job Overview

SeniorLAW Center seeks a full-time attorney licensed and in good standing in Pennsylvania to join our Consumer and Homeownership Rights team. This full-time attorney position provides representation, education and advocacy for older low-income or vulnerable homeowners facing “**tangled title**” situations or needing to prevent future tangled title, including, but not limited to, probating estates, filing quiet title actions and preparation of simple wills and advance planning documents. At least two (2) years of legal experience in estate administration and/or preparation of wills and advance planning documents required. Experience in a legal services office and in aging and/or poverty law, working with older people, minority, low-income and/or Limited English Proficient communities are all important foundations for this position, based in Center City Philadelphia.

The ideal candidate has:

- excellent advocacy, lawyering and negotiating skills
- a demonstrated interest in working with low-income or disenfranchised people and sensitivity to communities and/or older persons of diverse backgrounds
- strong organizational, interpersonal, public speaking, legal research and writing skills
- comfort and proficiency with technology
- relevant experience working in or volunteering with a legal services organization

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

A. Client Representation

1. Manage individual caseload and representation of clients in “tangled title” matters, including, but not limited to, probating estates, filing quiet title actions and preparation of simple wills and advance planning documents.

2. Advise homeowners on their legal questions and problems and assess homeownership and advance planning needs of callers through *the Pennsylvania SeniorLAW Helpline*.

B. Outreach/Community Relations

1. Develop and present legal education workshops to older adults.
2. Attend community events.

C. Systems Advocacy

1. Represent SeniorLAW Center on various professional committees and systems advocacy coalitions as needed to develop long-term solutions to legal problems.
2. All members of the SeniorLAW Center team participate in resource development and fundraising initiatives, events, writing, and reporting, as we foster a culture of philanthropy that supports our work for older people.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be an active member of the Pennsylvania Bar in good standing
- At least two (2) years of legal experience in estate administration and preparation of wills and advance planning documents
- Strong technology, research, writing and public speaking skills
- Excellent advocacy and negotiating skills
- Highly organized
- Strong interpersonal skills and embraces core values of our organization
- Demonstrated ability to manage multiple projects and deadlines
- Commitment to serving vulnerable and diverse communities required
- Creative problem solving
- Ability to work under pressure
- Ability to work well as a team and individually
- Highest degree of professionalism is required.

This is a full-time exempt position. Excellent benefits, including health and dental, long- and short-term disability, 401k, flexible spending plan, and generous PTO time. Supportive and flexible hybrid work environment, making real change in individual lives and in the community. Salary range, commensurate with experience: \$65,000 – \$75,000. Excellent benefits, including 401k, flexible spending plan, generous holidays and PTO, short- and long-term disability, and health and dental, valued at approximately \$20,000.

SeniorLAW Center has a Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for all staff and volunteers.

Please apply by email to attention of Dana N. Goldberg, Esq., Legal Director, at employment@seniorlawcenter.org. All applications should include cover letter, resume and at least three (3) professional references. Please include a writing sample.
No phone calls please.

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