



SHRIVER CENTER

Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law

October 20, 2017 Job Announcement

Position Title: Staff Attorney (Temporary)

Reports to: Director, Litigation & Housing Justice

Location of Job: Chicago, Illinois

Organizational Overview: The Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law (Shriver Center) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides national leadership in advancing laws and policies that secure justice to improve the lives and opportunities of people living in poverty.

At the Shriver Center, we know that a richly diverse mix of professionals makes organizations more effective. As such, we make demographic and experiential diversity a hallmark and priority of all our work.

Position Description: The Staff Attorney will support the work of the Housing Justice team by providing high quality legal representation, administrative advocacy, and policy advocacy to advance the housing rights of low-income tenants, preserve affordable housing, and increase tenant capacity-building.

Responsibilities:

- Serve as class counsel in the implementation of consent decrees implementing the redevelopment of public and subsidized housing;
- Represent tenants and tenant associations in the preservation of their affordable housing;
- Investigate and provide legal research on complex civil litigation matters, including fair housing, housing preservation, re-entry, the rights of survivors of violence, and environmental justice;
- Attend community meetings and provide trainings and training support;
- Engage in housing-related administrative and policy advocacy;
- Other responsibilities as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications:

- J.D., licensed to practice law in Illinois;
- Excellent oral/written communication skills;
- Proficient in Internet research and Microsoft Word;
- Excellent organization and time-management skills;
- Dedicated, independent, and detail-oriented;

- Demonstrated ability to work across lines of differences, especially with racially and economically diverse communities; and
- Demonstrated commitment to the Shriver Center's mission, vision and values.

Salary/Benefits: This is a temporary (four-month) position beginning November 2017. The Shriver Center will not provide health, dental, vision, paid leave or any other benefits.

Opening/Closing Date: Open immediately; closed when filled.

Applications: Send resume, cover letter, writing sample, and references to hr@povertylaw.org. Please send materials as a single and searchable PDF attachment. Deadlines for all proposals is 5PM, Friday, November 3, 2017.