

Position Announcement – February 7, 2018

Position Title: Staff Attorney, Housing Justice (Temporary)

Reports to: Senior Director of Litigation/Director of Housing Justice

Supervises: N/A

Location of Job: Chicago, Illinois

Organizational Overview: The Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law (Shriver Center) provides national leadership in advancing laws and policies that secure justice to improve the lives and opportunities of people living in poverty. We put race front and center in our work. We recognize that inclusion of diverse voices, perspectives, and experiences is essential to understanding and addressing complex issues in our advocacy and within our organization. To that end, we focus on issues that deeply affect the lives and social mobility of people living in poverty: economic justice, housing justice, health care justice, and community justice. We lead, equip, and mobilize multi-state networks to advance an anti-poverty and racial justice agenda. Through training and leadership development programs designed to foster innovation and collaboration, we strengthen core competencies of advocates across the country.

Position Overview: 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; and
- Other responsibilities as assigned.

Requirements:

- 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 full-time, temporary position (duration of a maximum of six months).

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



Applications: Send resume, cover letter, writing sample, and references to Kate Walz at hr@povertylaw.org. Please send materials as a single and searchable PDF attachment.

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