

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
Supervisor
Immigrants and Workers' Rights
(Internal and External)

For over 50 years, Legal Aid Chicago has provided free civil legal assistance to people living in poverty in metropolitan Chicago. Each year our attorneys, volunteers, and staff help resolve legal problems, including domestic violence, consumer fraud, immigration, employment, and unfair evictions.

Overview:

Legal Aid Chicago's Immigrants and Workers' Rights Practice Group (IWR) includes the areas of employment, immigration, migrant farmworker, and human trafficking law. IWR's four teams work both independently and in an interdisciplinary manner when these areas of law overlap. IWR's primary work is to provide direct services to clients in Cook County, but also to provide services statewide in the disciplines of immigration, human trafficking, and migrant farmworker law. Additionally, the Practice Group files lawsuits in federal and state courts on individual cases, and to address systemic issues related to our clients.

Position:

Legal Aid Chicago seeks a full-time Supervisory Attorney to supervise complex litigation in the areas of migrant farmworker and human trafficking law. Responsibilities include, without limitation:

- Act as lead counsel on wage and hour claims brought in federal and state court on behalf of migrant farmworkers seeking relief under laws such as the Fair Labor Standards Act, Illinois Wage Payment Collection Act, and the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act; develop litigation strategy, supervise and mentor staff handling these cases.
- Act as lead counsel on claims for civil damages brought in federal court under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act; develop litigation strategy, supervise and mentor staff handling these cases.
- Supervise contested matters brought in immigration court that result in administrative appeals or federal litigation, or file habeas corpus or mandamus petitions on behalf of immigrants.
- Engage in community outreach;
- Represent Legal Aid Chicago on relevant community task forces, committees, or other government or non-profit bodies connected with our work;
- Work collaboratively with Legal Aid Chicago supervisors, staff, students and volunteers to provide comprehensive legal services;
- Participate in other activities related to poverty law including publication, permissible legislative and administrative advocacy, media relations, and fundraising;
- Assist in reporting and administering applicable grants.

Requirements/Qualifications:

- Illinois law license or ability to waive into Illinois bar;
- Five years litigation experience in state and federal court, including motion practice, depositions, preparing and arguing dispositive motions;
- Some knowledge of immigration law preferred;
- Excellent interpersonal, communication, and organizational skills; and



- Desire to work in a collegial team environment with multiple individuals.

Salary: Dependent on qualifications and experience. Legal Aid Chicago offers generous fringe benefits.

To apply: Send resume, cover letter, writing sample, and the contact information of two professional references, to resume@legalaidchicago.org. Include the phrase “IWR Supervisory Attorney” in the subject line of the email.

The position will remain open until filled.

Legal Aid Chicago is firmly committed to creating a diverse workplace and is proud to provide equal employment opportunities to all applicants and therefore does not discriminate on the basis of creed, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age religion, marital or parental status, alienage, disability, political affiliation or belief, military or military discharge status, or ex-offender status. Applicants who have experiences with our client communities are encouraged to apply.