



**JOB POSTING**  
**SUPERVISORY ATTORNEY**  
**Housing Practice Group**  
**(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 civil legal problems, including domestic violence, consumer fraud, and unfair evictions. Legal Aid Chicago was founded on the philosophy that all individuals are entitled to quality civil legal representation, regardless of their income. We work to ensure that poverty is not an impediment to justice by dismantling the legal barriers that perpetuate inequality. Legal Aid Chicago staff live our mission through our core values of equity, excellence, inclusion, kindness, and respect.

**Position:** Legal Aid Chicago seeks a full-time attorney to work as a Supervisory Attorney in our Housing Practice Group (HPG). HPG helps low-income tenants by:

- Defending tenants – mostly subsidized housing residents -- against unwarranted evictions and representing individuals and families who are facing the termination of their tenant-based rental assistance.
- Ensuring that tenants live in decent, safe, and sanitary housing, free from discrimination and affirmatively furthering fair housing through litigation, negotiation, and advocacy in various venues.
- Educating tenants about their rights.
- Representing tenant groups and collaborating with other tenants’ rights advocates, social service agencies, and housing authorities.
- Identifying and litigating “impact cases.”

**Responsibilities include:**

- Supervise attorneys and other staff in HPG who handle a full caseload, including editing their written work, providing guidance on case strategy, co-counseling complex cases, conducting regular case reviews, providing training in substantive areas of law as well as litigation skills, completing performance evaluations, and overseeing professional development.
- Maintain a caseload of individual cases in the areas HPG handles.
- Participate in complex litigation or advocacy to address systemic issues.
- Represent Legal Aid Chicago on relevant government or non-profit bodies connected with our work.
- Maintain knowledge in other areas of law handled by Legal Aid Chicago such as housing, immigration, public benefits, and consumer law, to ensure that clients’ legal needs are identified in those areas
- Work collaboratively with supervisors, staff, interns, 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.
- Participate in training agencies, advocates, clients, or community groups about legal services and rights impacting low income persons



- Assist in reporting and administering applicable grants.
- Other duties as determined by the Director

**Qualifications:** Applicants must have a J.D. degree and licensed to practice in the state of Illinois or prepared to sit for the next Illinois bar exam. The ideal candidate will have at least six years of demonstrated litigation experience and experience supervising legal work. Experience litigating housing law cases is preferred and demonstrated history of innovation is a plus. Applicants must be highly collegial, have complex litigation experience, strong written and oral skills, be willing to work in an interdisciplinary manner with all Legal Aid Chicago staff, and have enthusiasm about working in a fast-paced practice and training and mentoring less experienced attorneys and advocacy staff. Experience working with people living in poverty strongly preferred. The applicant’s personal background, experience, or professional background should reflect an ability to work effectively in cross-cultural situations with clients, co-workers and the community we serve.

**Salary:** Commensurate with experience. Legal Aid Chicago offers a comprehensive benefits package, including low-cost employer-paid health plan options, employer-provided group life and long-term disability insurance, fitness center access, generous paid time off, and much more.

**To Apply:** Send your cover letter, resume, writing sample, and the contact information of two professional references to: [resume@legalaidchicago.org](mailto:resume@legalaidchicago.org). Please place “**Supervisory Attorney – Housing Practice Group**” in the subject line of your e-mail. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and the position will remain open until filled. No phone calls, please.

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