

LEGAL AID AND DEFENDER ASSOCIATION, INC.

NOTICE OF POSITION AVAILABLE

The **Legal Aid and Defender Association, Inc. (LAD)** is currently accepting resumes for the following **Civil Law Group** positions:

Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Recovery Fellows (2)

POSITION DESCRIPTION

LAD will be selecting two attorneys to serve a one year fellowship (each) focusing on foreclosure prevention litigation and advocacy. This position is jointly funded by AmeriCorps, Equal Justice Works (EJW), and LAD. The Recovery Fellows will be AmeriCorps members and be assigned to LAD to handle foreclosure litigation, negotiation, and advocacy, as a part of LAD's foreclosure prevention unit.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Recovery Fellows will:

- Handle a caseload that will primarily consist of defending homeowners facing foreclosure. The Fellow will be expected to participate in affirmative litigation involving, among other issues, predatory lending, house flipping and foreclosure rescue scams.
- Work cooperatively with other LAD staff handling issues related to foreclosure on behalf of clients.
- Collaborate with the Michigan Foreclosure Prevention Project, including attending periodic meetings, participating in statewide advocacy efforts, and assisting with reporting and evaluation requirements.
- Attend and participating in community outreach efforts focusing on foreclosure prevention throughout LAD's tri-county service area (Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties).
- Collaborate with housing counseling agencies on foreclosure prevention efforts.

QUALIFICATIONS

The successful candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan.

- At least one year of experience of litigation or advocacy work dealing with foreclosure prevention and/or predatory lending issues.
- Strong understanding of issues affecting low-income individuals and of the problems faced by impoverished communities.
- Excellent litigation and advocacy skills.
- Comfort with public outreach events and speaking in public.
- Strong track record of professionalism and responsibility in one's work.

COMPENSATION

The Recovery Fellowships will be funded through Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps and LAD. Compensation for this position is set at \$ 45,700 which includes:

- \$22,800 AmeriCorps living allowance
- \$19,900 supplemental benefits for certain expenses (housing, etc.)
- \$3,000 education loan repayment assistance

Fellows will also receive:

- Health, Dental, and Vision Insurance coverage
- \$4,725 AmeriCorps Segal Education Award upon successful completion of service
- Student loan forbearance and interest accrual payment upon successful completion of service
- Payment of Bar association dues

This is a one year Fellowship position funded by Equal Justice Works and LAD, which will begin on or around September 15, 2009.

To apply, please forward:

1) a letter of interest, 2) resume, 3) a list of at least 3 current references, and 4) a recent writing sample **no later than Monday, August 24, 2009** to:

**Human Resources Office
Legal Aid & Defender Association, Inc.
613 Abbott St. 6th Floor
Detroit, MI 48226**

Or: hr@ladadetroit.org

Please indicate **“AmeriCorps Recovery Fellowship”** in the subject line.

No Phone Calls or Walk-ins Please

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