



LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SAN MATEO COUNTY

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JOB DESCRIPTION—Full-time Temporary Attorney- Health and Government Benefits

AGENCY

The Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County is a private non-profit law firm providing civil legal services since 1958 to low-income individuals, families, seniors, adults and children with disabilities, and domestic violence survivors. Our mission is to help disadvantaged people improve their lives through equal access to justice. As an independent legal service provider, we are not bound by restrictions imposed by federal legal services funding. The Legal Aid Society and its staff have received numerous awards for excellence in the delivery of legal services. For more information, please view our website: www.legalaidsmc.org.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Legal Aid Society seeks a full time attorney for six months to handle government benefit and health cases. The attorney will provide direct legal services: half-time, in the areas of Medi-Cal, Medicare, children's health insurance programs and the rights of the uninsured; and half-time, in such areas as government benefits, transportation access, and mental health treatment access for adults with disabilities. The attorney may work with our medical-legal partnership and will attend community meetings, provide community outreach/education, work with organizations in the health and disability communities, and participate in policy advocacy as appropriate. Applicants for part-time arrangements will be considered if practical.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

California State Bar membership.

Outstanding legal research, writing and public speaking skills.

Demonstrated commitment to working on behalf of disadvantaged populations.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

Ability to speak and write Spanish strongly preferred.

Experience working with low-income persons and/or persons with disabilities.

Experience in government benefits/health law.

Experience in community outreach and community education.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Send cover letter, resume with references, and writing sample to:

Tricia Berke Vinson
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521 E. 5th Ave.
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Or email to: tvinson@legalaidsmc.org

The Legal Aid Society is an equal opportunity employer. Persons with disabilities, persons of color, and older persons are particularly encouraged to apply.

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