



Minority Crime Victim Attorney

Legal Aid of Arkansas is a public interest, not-for-profit law firm dedicated to assuring equal access to justice in civil matters for low-income Arkansans. Legal Aid's advocates provide wraparound legal services in housing preservation, domestic violence prevention, economic justice, and consumer protection.

Legal Aid of Arkansas, Inc. has an immediate opening for an attorney to provide Comprehensive Civil Legal Services to Minority Victims of Crime for five months with the possibility of a one-year renewal. The attorney's work will focus in the First Judicial District serving African-American victims of crime in St. Francis, Phillips, and Lee Counties.

The Comprehensive Civil Legal Services to Minority Victims of Crime project is designed to increase capacity and access to civil legal help for minority crime victims. The attorney will provide direct representation to minority victims of crimes, including domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, human trafficking, fraud/identity theft, and immigrant victims of crime with meritorious claims for immigration relief. The attorney will also provide outreach and education to community partners.

Fellowship Description

The Comprehensive Civil Legal Services to Minority Victims of Crime Attorney will:

- Provide direct legal services to minority victims to address the range of civil legal issues that arise from the victimization
- Provide crime victims' rights enforcement
- Conduct outreach and education activities throughout the project area, provide referrals, and leverage *pro bono* resources
- Contribute to programmatic reporting required under the award
- Integrate into the Legal Aid of Arkansas Prevention of Domestic Violence workgroup

Qualifications

The ideal candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Licensed to practice law in Arkansas or eligible for reciprocity
- A demonstrated commitment to public interest work and desire to assist crime victims
- Strong writing, communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills

- An ability to provide victim-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally competent legal assistance to crime victims/survivors
- An ability to work collaboratively in a variety of contexts and with multiple organizations to facilitate comprehensive services to crime victims/survivors
- Ability to start work no later than June 3rd and commit to up to 17 months at Legal Aid
- Minimum of two years' law practice and community education and outreach experience preferred
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation
- Those with legal experience in crime victims' rights enforcement and victim service are strongly encouraged to apply

Salary, Benefits and other support

The Fellow will receive an annual salary of \$42,000 +, depending on experience. Legal Aid of Arkansas offers health and dental insurance, retirement, Supreme Court and bar association dues, CLE, position-related travel reimbursement and per diem, Student Loan Repayment Assistance, and other benefits.

Application Instructions:

To apply please email resume and three references to Lee Richardson, lrichardson@arlegalaid.org. The position is open until filled. Candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

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