



### **Staff Attorney - Harrison**

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. will host three Comprehensive Civil Legal Services to Minority and Elderly Victims of Crime Attorneys. The attorney based in Harrison will serve isolated and vulnerable seniors age 60 and over. The position will begin on or about October 1, 2019 and continue for 12 months with a possibility of renewal.

The Comprehensive Civil Legal Services to Minority Victims of Crime project is designed to increase capacity and access to civil legal help for minority and elderly crime victims. The attorney will provide direct representation to older Arkansans who are victims of crime or at risk, including domestic violence, fraud/identity theft, and other forms of elder abuse. Attorneys will provide outreach and education to community partners, including estate planning clinics as a deterrent to financial exploitation. All attorneys will incorporate crime victims' rights enforcement into their practice.

#### **Position Description**

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

- Provide direct legal services to minority/elderly victims, and other clients as assigned, 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 or Consumer workgroup

#### **Qualifications**

The ideal candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Licensed to practice law in Arkansas or eligible for reciprocity.
- A commitment to public interest work and desire to assist crime victims
- Strong writing, communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills
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- 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 begin the position on or about October 1, 2019 and serve for one year
- 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 successful candidate will receive an annual salary of \$42,000-\$75,000, 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](mailto:lrichardson@arlegalaid.org). Position is open until filled with an October 1, 2019 start date. Candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

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