

Rising for Justice

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Job Announcement: Housing Law Attorney – Civil Division

Rising for Justice, formerly known as DC Law Students in Court, invites applications for a full-time Housing Law Attorney to begin immediately. The Attorney will be responsible for legal representation of low-income residents of Washington, DC in landlord-tenant disputes and housing-related cases.

About DC Law Students in Court:

Created in 1969, Rising for Justice (RFJ) is the oldest and one of the most highly regarded clinical law programs in the city. RFJ is a nonprofit public interest law firm and clinical education program that draws students from area law schools in Washington, DC. Since our founding, RFJ has trained law students to provide free, high-quality legal services to the District's low-income community. We are on a mission to empower individuals to stand up against injustice and inspire the next generation of social justice advocates.

RFJ embraces diversity as a core value. We recognize that our success as an organization depends on creating and maintaining a diverse team of talented professionals, and we are committed to a workplace that reflects and supports diverse individual backgrounds and perspectives. Our commitment to diversity, inclusion, and non-discrimination includes race, sex, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, personal appearance, genetic information, political affiliation, marital status, family responsibilities, disability and status as a veteran, and any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local laws or regulation. We strive to have a workplace that is comfortable and welcoming for everyone.

Position Responsibilities:

Responsibilities include: 1) Providing direct client representation to tenants in the Landlord Tenant Branch of the D.C. Superior Court; 2) Conducting client intake interviews and providing advice and brief legal services at D.C. Superior Court three days per week; 3) Coordinating with court-based and other legal services providers to streamline referrals and cooperation on systemic issues; 4) Engaging in outreach and education at community-based organizations and building relationships with tenant and other community groups; 5) Participating in case acceptance conferences, attending staff meetings, assisting with agency fundraising as needed, and ensuring the accurate and complete input of data in the office's case management system.

Qualification Requirements:

The Housing Law Attorney must be a member of the D.C. Bar. He or she must have prior litigation experience, excellent communication skills, the ability to work independently and as part of a team, the ability to work in a fast-paced litigation environment and a desire to serve the community. Preferred qualifications include Spanish language skills, housing or consumer litigation experience, and prior poverty law experience. RJF alumni are encouraged to apply. The ideal candidate will have practiced for two to three years in direct legal services, with a background in housing law.

Accountability: Reports to the Co-Directors.

Hours and Salary: This is a full-time position based on a 40-hour work week. Salary is commensurate with experience.

Benefits: We offer an excellent benefits package for this full-time position including employer-paid medical, dental, and vision insurance; generous accrued sick leave, annual leave, and personal leave; and paid federal holidays.

To Apply: Each candidate should submit a cover letter and resume by email to Tegan Peterson, Business & Operations Manager, tpeterson@risingforjustice.org. Please indicate "Housing Law Attorney" and your full name in the subject of the email.

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.