



EDUCATION LAW STAFF ATTORNEY

Community Legal Aid (CLA) is the non-profit legal services program providing free civil legal assistance to low-income and elderly residents of central and western Massachusetts. CLA has over 140 dedicated, talented staff working across multiple offices, and a budget of \$16 million. Our core work includes effective client-centered advocacy and robust outreach to and partnerships with our client communities.

CLA seeks an attorney to join an enthusiastic, skillful team to work in its Education Law Unit. The attorney will be based in CLA's Hampden County (Springfield) office and will assist students in matters involving Individualized Education Programs, school discipline (including suspensions and expulsions), language access, and other issues specifically affecting low-income students, students with disabilities, and students of color. The attorney will conduct community outreach and education to inform parents, students, and other stakeholders about education-related legal rights and responsibilities. The attorney will also assist in the preparation of periodic grant reports and may attend visits with funders.

QUALIFICATIONS: Admission to Massachusetts Bar, or eligible to sit for next Massachusetts Bar examination, or entitled to practice under a Massachusetts practice rule required. Fluency or advanced proficiency in Spanish preferred, as is prior education law experience. We seek someone with excellent oral and written communication skills, the ability to engage in effective community outreach, and a demonstrated dedication to social justice and commitment to working with low-income communities.

Please submit cover letter and resumes to: avaughan@cla-ma.org, or mail to Alicia Vaughan, Human Resources Director, Community Legal Aid, 405 Main Street, Worcester, Mass. 01608. CLA is an Equal Opportunity Employer and strives to ensure that our staff members reflect the diversity of the communities we serve. CLA encourages applicants from a broad range of backgrounds and experiences.

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