



Career Opportunity
JRI Health Law Institute
2 Full-Time Staff Attorney Positions (40 hrs/wk)
1 Boston Office; 1 Holyoke Office
April 2021

- **Currently fully remote;** will resume in-person work when safe
- **Work/life balance; flexible schedule**
- **Excellent benefits** including generous paid time off, medical, dental, 401(k) with company match, company sponsored pension plan, tuition reimbursement, disability and life insurance
- **Multi-lingual/multi-cultural applicants preferred**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: JRI Health, a social justice and public health leader, provides a continuum of support services to help people living with and at risk for HIV/AIDS achieve the health and justice we all deserve. The JRI Health Law Institute (HLI), a program of JRI Health, provides holistic direct legal services to individuals living with and at risk for HIV/AIDS. Through medical-legal partnerships with HIV/AIDS providers throughout the Commonwealth, our legal services are aimed at stabilizing housing and maximizing income for clients so that they can focus on their health. All legal services are provided using a client-centered, low-barrier, trauma-informed model.

JOB DESCRIPTION: HLI seeks 2 full-time attorneys to provide direct legal services primarily to adults living with and at risk for HIV/AIDS throughout the Commonwealth; 1 attorney based out of HLI's Holyoke office and 1 attorney based out of HLI's Boston office. All attorneys are responsible for occasional travel to collaborating agencies. This is a wonderful opportunity to gain legal aid experience and do meaningful work within a mission-driven, social justice organization that values work/life balance.

Primary Job Responsibilities:

- Direct representation of clients in state courts (e.g., housing and district courts) and before administrative bodies (e.g., Social Security Administration). Areas of law include housing eviction defense and other landlord/tenant issues, Social Security and other benefits appeals, criminal record sealing, discrimination matters, and other legal issues affecting client health. Tasks include all aspects of direct legal assistance, including pretrial and trial practice.
- Responsible for managing own case load with senior attorney supervision.
- Provide legal rights education to clients, community groups, collaborating agencies and JRI staff, and participate in statewide coalitions of legal service providers.
- Supervision of student interns, volunteers, and paralegal as needed.

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- Provide on-site legal services at medical-legal partnership collaborating agencies throughout the Commonwealth as needed. Holyoke Staff Attorney will provide services primarily in western MA; Boston Staff Attorney will provide services primarily in eastern MA.
- Additional tasks may be assigned as necessary.

Minimum Required Qualifications:

- J.D. degree from an accredited law school (or expected J.D. May 2021), excellent academic credentials, and active member of the Massachusetts State Bar in good standing **or** 3:03 certification and sitting for MA Bar summer 2021.
- Demonstrated ability to work well with and understand the barriers impacting low-income people living with and at risk for HIV/AIDS including individuals who identify as LGBTQ+, people with disabilities, BIPOC, and individuals with a history of substance use, mental health diagnoses, housing instability and/or incarceration.
- Excellent legal research, writing and oral advocacy skills.
- Excellent time management skills and ability to handle a demanding case load while maintaining client records in an accurate, timely and confidential manner.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office and ability to learn legal case management software (ProLaw).
- Reside in Massachusetts or Connecticut with ability to travel within the Commonwealth.
- Commitment to JRI Health's mission to partner with individuals, families, and communities to achieve the health and justice we all deserve.
- Multi-lingual/multi-cultural applicants preferred.

This position includes medical, dental, 401K with company match, company sponsored pension plan, life insurance, generous personal time off package, tuition reimbursement, opportunities for continued education/training and much more!

Candidates should send 1) cover letter; 2) resume; and 3) three references to: Sara M. Benjamin, Esq, Health Law Institute Program Director at sbenjamin@jri.org

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