

**Position Announcement**  
**The Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia**  
**Public Benefits Law Staff Attorney**

The Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia seeks a staff attorney for its public benefits law unit. Legal Aid was formed in 1932 to “provide legal aid and counsel to indigent persons in civil law matters and to encourage measures by which the law may better protect and serve their needs.” Legal Aid is the oldest general civil legal services program in the District of Columbia. The largest part of our work is comprised of individual representation in housing, family, public benefits, and consumer law. From our work with clients, we identify opportunities for law reform, public policy advocacy, and impact litigation.

**Tasks and Duties**

Legal Aid has a broad and energetic public benefits practice. The public benefits law unit helps families and individuals who have been denied, terminated from, or had reduced essential safety net benefits such as Food Stamps (or SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Medicaid, and Unemployment Insurance. Our public benefits attorneys provide legal representation and advice in matters before federal and local agencies, including the D.C. Office of Administrative Hearings, and engage in systemic advocacy on behalf of our client community.

The staff attorney will handle a caseload of public benefits cases. He/she will also play a lead role in coordinating Legal Aid’s systemic advocacy work with the Social Security Administration as well as Legal Aid’s internal processes for handling Social Security cases. The staff attorney will be based out of Legal Aid’s main NW office but will also help staff its community offices in SE Washington, D.C.

**Qualifications**

The ideal candidate will have the following:

- Strong legal, organizational, oral and written communication, and leadership skills;
- The ability to work collaboratively with Legal Aid staff, legal services providers in other organizations and representatives of federal and District government agencies;
- Legal experience in public benefits work, with Social Security knowledge and experience a plus;
- Legal services experience or the equivalent;
- A demonstrated commitment to social and economic justice; and
- Bilingual Spanish skills preferred but not required.

Membership or eligibility for membership in the DC bar is required.

**Salary and Benefits**

The attorney will be paid in accordance with Legal Aid’s attorney salary scale. Legal Aid also offers a competitive benefits package.

**To Apply**

Legal Aid values an inclusive, diverse workplace and encourages applications from interested persons from diverse backgrounds of any race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, physical or mental disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, personal appearance, family responsibilities, matriculation, political affiliation, genetic information, or any other legally protected status. We strongly encourage applications from people with personal experience with the criminal justice system and/or with lived experiences in the communities we serve. Interested persons are encouraged to apply immediately and should email a letter of interest and resume to: [publicbenefitsattorneysearch@legalaiddc.org](mailto:publicbenefitsattorneysearch@legalaiddc.org).

Applications will be reviewed as they are submitted. Position remains open until filled.