



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: Staff Attorney

The Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project (MVLP) has an exciting opportunity for an experienced attorney to serve as its staff attorney for the Foreclosure Prevention and Community Redevelopment Program (FPCRCP). FPCRCP is a part of MVLP's "Strengthening Families and Communities" initiative and has an overarching goal to alleviate barriers to affordable and safe housing by focusing on education, engagement, empowerment and economic success. FPCRCP will provide legal services to individuals dealing with homeownership and foreclosure prevention, utilities, and expungement issues.

The staff attorney will have the unique opportunity to shape MVLP's work and leadership in evolving practice areas as the economic and foreclosure crises continue, requiring innovative and coordinated responses. The staff attorney will recruit, train, and supervise volunteer attorneys and law students to represent MVLP clients in homeownership and foreclosure matters. Experience with low-income clients, and familiarity with public benefits, family law, and housing law is preferred. Strong supervisory and management experience is preferred. Mississippi Bar admission is required.

Responsibilities:

- Take a lead role in overseeing the MVLP's foreclosure, housing and redevelopment matters;
- Recruit volunteer attorneys to provide pro bono representation to MVLP clients by conducting CLE trainings and presentations on foreclosure, housing and redevelopment;
- Mentor and support volunteer attorneys, law students, and staff handling foreclosure, housing and redevelopment matters;
- Oversee FPCRCP clinics, including staffing, recruitment and supervision of volunteers and law students;
- Maintain a caseload of foreclosure, housing and redevelopment matters;
- Provide advice and brief services to Mississippi residents who are proceeding pro se in foreclosure, housing and redevelopment matters;
- Conduct and organize community outreach and "Know Your Rights" presentations; and
- Perform other duties as directed.

Qualifications:

- Admission to Mississippi Bar and passion for social justice and pro bono;
- Exceptional attention to detail;
- Strong negotiation and litigation skills;
- Strong supervisory, problem-solving, interpersonal, and oral and written communication skills;
- Ability to thrive in a fast-paced environment and prioritize while working under multiple deadlines; and
- Outgoing and professional demeanor for interacting with a wide range of individuals from different cultures and backgrounds.
- 25%-40% Travel

Salary: \$57,000-\$64,000. Benefits include medical, dental, and vision.

Application: Email resume and cover letter to gsanders@mvlp.org. Only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. No phone calls, please.