

Job Description
Staff Attorney with Immigration Focus
Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project

Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project has a unique opportunity for a motivated and resourceful attorney. Preference will be given to candidate submissions received by 10/1/16, but the position will remain open until filled.

Background: Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project (BWLAP) is a statewide organization whose mission is to promote justice for domestic and sexual violence victims/survivors. BWLAP provides direct representation, legal information, training, litigation support, and provides expert support on program and legal issues. Since 1996, BWLAP has established a statewide reputation as the premiere legal resource for domestic and sexual violence victims, as well as those who work with them including advocates, attorneys, and other system's professionals. BWLAP exists to respond effectively to the constantly evolving legal needs of domestic and sexual violence victims and is the first resource people turn to in a legal crisis.

Job Description and Responsibilities: This position is responsible for providing information, technical assistance, outreach and training on all legal issues facing domestic and sexual violence victims/survivors with a focus on immigration. This includes: Answering legal and resource questions from callers; provide representation in immigration matters; developing and providing training as requested, including BWLAP's annual New Laws training; providing technical assistance to system professionals; creating and maintaining relationships with domestic and sexual violence advocates, attorneys and other professionals; representing BWLAP on numerous committees; and participation in impact litigation and amicus briefs.

Qualifications:

- Commitment to Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project mission, vision and values
- Demonstrated knowledge of and expertise in the root causes and dynamics of violence against women.
- Licensed attorney in the State of Minnesota or the ability to be admitted to the Minnesota Bar within 6 months
- At least 5 years of experience providing advocacy to domestic and sexual violence victims/survivors required. (Preferably in Minnesota)
- At least three years of experience organizing, working with or advocating on behalf of underrepresented populations, including rural communities
- At least two years of experience in immigration matters and specific knowledge of VAWA relief petitions, U and T visas.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including experience in training and public speaking
- At least one year of experience in program or project development and implementation
- Computer literacy
- Willingness to learn new skills and accomplish new tasks
- Unpaid work experience will be considered equivalent to paid employment experience
- We encourage applications from people of color, multilingual speakers, people of all genders, veterans and people with disabilities

Other relevant position information:

- * Travel required
- * Must be able to work closely with domestic and sexual violence advocates
- * Knowledge of other language(s) is a plus
- * Knowledge of tribal law and/or relationships with the Tribes in Minnesota is a plus
- * Knowledge of other women's rights issues is a plus

Compensation: This is a full time position with excellent salary, health and vacation benefits.

To Apply: Interested applicants should send a cover letter discussing their interest in and qualifications for position and resume to:

Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project
ATTN: Hiring Committee
1611 Park Ave. South, Suite # 2
Minneapolis, MN 55404
Info@bwlap.org

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