Managing Attorney – Consumer Law Practice Group Flexible Location in New Mexico

New Mexico Legal Aid (NMLA) provides civil legal services to low-income New Mexicans for a variety of legal issues including domestic violence/family law, consumer protection, housing, and benefits. NMLA has locations throughout the state including Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Cruces, Gallup, Roswell, Silver City, Clovis, Hobbs, Las Vegas, Taos, and Santa Ana.

New Mexico Legal Aid seeks a Managing Attorney for Statewide Consumer Law Practice Group (CLPG). The position can be based out of any of NMLA's offices but will require travel throughout the state.

For this position, the Managing Attorney will be responsible for:

- Supervising and mentoring staff attorneys, paralegals, other staff and volunteers;
- Performing administrative duties and working in close collaboration with other members of NMLA's management team;
- Carrying a caseload as sole counsel or co-counsel for low-income individuals and families in the areas of Consumer law including:
 - Debt collection
 - Auto finance
 - Mortgage foreclosure
 - o Financial scams
 - Chapter 7 bankruptcy
- Being active in local bar and community activities;
- Participating in community education and outreach to eligible clients;
- Recruitment of and collaboration with pro bono attorneys.

The Consumer Law Practice Group handles creative and complex litigation and advocacy work. We are looking for highly motivated candidates who are passionate and strongly committed to helping NMLA better serve our client community, equal access to justice and advocacy for marginalized communities.

Requirements:

- Minimum five years as licensed attorney;
- Admission to practice in New Mexico required or ability to qualify for a limited license.
- Prior experience in administrative and supervisory roles preferred;
- Must be willing and able to travel;
- Must be able to effectively use computer technology and remote communications systems, including shared on-line workspaces, web meeting and videoconferencing software, to effectively supervise and co-counsel with staff located in multiple offices;
- Must be able to work effectively in teams and to co-counsel;
- Candidates also must possess excellent written and oral communication skills;
- The ability to manage multiple tasks, manage a caseload and build collaborative relationships within the staff and the community;
- Proficiency in Spanish is a plus;
- Strong preference for attorneys admitted in federal and bankruptcy court with experience in bankruptcy.

Applicants will be subject to a background search. Please do not let this deter you from applying. NMLA is committed to a strong workforce and recognizes that persons with marks on their record may qualify.

NMLA employees enjoy:

- A great work environment.
- Great benefits including generous leave.
- Competitive salary.

NMLA provides comprehensive benefits, holiday and leave packages. For information about NMLA's generous benefits, and what it is like to work at NMLA <u>click here</u>.

Applicants must submit a current resume and a cover letter in order to be considered. Your cover letter should include the ways in which you satisfy the skills and qualifications specified above and explain your interest in this position and the mission of NMLA. **Your application will not be considered unless we receive both of these documents.** To apply <u>click here.</u>