

Staff Attorney – Veterans Practice Attorney

Albuquerque

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, 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 Staff Attorney to serve low-income clients and US Armed Services Veterans. The position is primarily based in Albuquerque with extensive collaboration with the Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center, but may involve work throughout New Mexico.

The work will include:

- Advising clients;
- Helping them prepare paperwork;
- Representing clients in court and in administrative proceedings;
- Conducting community education and outreach to eligible clients, to veterans support organizations and the Veterans Administration(VA);
- Developing a Medical-Legal Partnership with the Raymond G. Murphy VA Medical Center or other VA medical facility;
- Being active in local bar and community activities;
- Recruiting and collaborating with pro bono attorneys.

For this position the Staff Attorney must obtain and maintain accreditation to appear before the Veteran's Administration on VA cases.

The NMLA office in Albuquerque handles a wide range of creative, challenging and complex work. We are looking for highly motivated candidates who are passionate about and strongly committed to helping NMLA better serve our client communities, including development of effective team strategies to handle complex advocacy and extended representation cases.

Requirements:

- Two years' experience as a licensed attorney preferred;
- Admission to practice before the VA preferred, but must be expeditiously obtained after hire if not admitted at time of hire;
- Must be willing to travel, particularly to regional for outreach to the target population;
- Must be able to effectively use computer technology and remote communications systems, including shared on-line workspaces and web meeting and videoconferencing software, to effectively collaborate and co-counsel with staff located in multiple offices;

- Candidates also must possess excellent written and oral communication skills;
- Ability to manage multiple tasks and a caseload;
- Ability to build collaborative relationships within the staff and the community.

Applicants will be subject to a background check. 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 still be able to perform admirably.

NMLA employees enjoy:

- Being Unionized
- A great work environment
- Great benefits including generous leave package
- Competitive salary

Pay is dependent experience. For information about NMLA's generous benefits, salary scales and what it is like to work at NMLA A [click here](#).

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 [click here](#). As an alternative, you can email the applicant packet to jobs@nmlegalaid.org.

Salary: DOE, NMLA is an EEO Employer. **Deadline: Until filled - Resumes will be reviewed on a rolling basis**