Central Virginia Legal Aid Society (CVLAS) seeks attorneys for three positions (Managing Attorney, Housing Attorney, Staff Attorney) in its Petersburg office. Scroll down to see the respective job descriptions.

Petersburg Managing Attorney

Central Virginia Legal Aid Society (CVLAS) seeks a Managing Attorney for its Petersburg office. The Managing Attorney will supervise and mentor the attorney staff’s advocacy and community education work while handling a caseload focused broadly on maintaining housing stability. A significant component of the Managing Attorney’s legal work will include defending tenants in eviction lawsuits, helping tenants assert their legal rights, and educating tenants and the public on housing law. A secondary focus will be on assisting individuals with maintaining financial stability to avoid eviction, which may include representation of individuals in unemployment, debt defense, consumer, and expungement matters.

Excellent written and oral advocacy skills and ability to work independently in a fast-paced environment are required.

Four years of experience litigating in Virginia’s district and circuit courts, or their equivalent, is strongly desired. Must be interested in managing and mentoring lawyers and law students with prior management experience desired. Prior experience in public interest and poverty work is desirable. Must have strong commitment to equal justice and ensuring housing stability. Graduation from an ABA accredited law school and a current Virginia State Bar license required. Minimum salary for an attorney with four years of legal experience is $66,000/year with a higher salary commensurate with experience. Excellent insurance and other benefits, including a student loan repayment assistance program. Send cover letter, résumé, and writing sample to Michelle King, michelle@cvlas.org. Interested persons are encouraged to apply immediately with the successful candidate starting work as soon as March 1, 2022. Minorities, bilingual (English/Spanish) speakers, veterans, older adults, and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply. EEO employer.

Housing Attorney – Petersburg Office

Central Virginia Legal Aid Society seeks an attorney to participate in a two-year fellowship program in our Petersburg office.  The fellow will provide direct legal services (including impact litigation), strategic partnership building, outreach & education in housing related cases.

The ideal Fellow will possess a demonstrated commitment to public interest work and a strong desire to assist indigent clients.  An active Virginia State Bar license is required.  Further, the ideal candidate will have excellent writing, communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills;  strong oral and negotiation skills, and the ability to work as a team member; and prior experience in managing independent projects or assignments.  Diverse economic, social and cultural experiences; a second language;  prior experience in community/movement lawyering or community organizing; knowledge of housing benefits law and/or experience with housing and benefits agencies and other relevant practice experience are preferred.  Starting salary is $60,000 with excellent benefits.  Send cover letter, resume, and writing sample – to Michelle King, michelle@cvlas.org.

Central Virginia Legal Aid Society is committed to inclusive hiring and dedicated to diversity in our work and staff.  We strongly encourage candidates of all identities, experiences and communities to apply.  Central Virginia Legal Aid Society does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, disability or veteran status.

CVLAS – Staff Attorney Job Announcement

Central Virginia Legal Aid Society seeks staff attorney for Petersburg office.  Will handle consumer, domestic violence, elder, employment, family, housing and public benefit cases.  Excellent written and oral advocacy skills and ability to work independently in fast paced environment are required.  Prior experience in public interest and poverty work is desirable.  Must have strong commitment to equal justice.  Virginia State Bar license required. Salary $60,000/year (or more commensurate with experience) plus excellent benefits.  Send cover letter, resume and writing sample to be received by February 15th to Michelle King, michelle@cvlas.org.  Minorities, bilingual speakers, veterans, older adults, and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply. EEO employer.