



March 25, 2022

**STAFF ATTORNEY POSITION
(Housing/Benefits)**

Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services

Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity/Accessible Employer and strives to ensure that our staff members reflect the diversity of the communities we serve.

GBLS has an opening for a full time staff attorney at its Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services (CASLS) office which serves Cambridge, Somerville, Arlington, Belmont, Woburn, and Winchester. CASLS is a small supportive neighborhood office with a strong track record of success in the communities we serve. The anticipated start date is the end of May 2022.

The staff attorney's responsibilities will include the full range of housing and state and federal public benefits work at CASLS. The housing work will include representing tenants facing eviction in local district and housing courts, representing tenants facing Section 8 terminations, and representing tenant groups seeking to preserve the affordability of their housing. The staff attorney will also handle some terminations and denials of SSI/SSDI, SNAP, EAEDC, TAFDC, and MassHealth; co-lead the local housing/benefits coalition; and participate in the Chelsea DTA advisory board. The responsibilities will involve collaboration with community agencies/tenant groups and administrative advocacy and might include legislative work on housing and/or public benefits issues.

Qualifications: Candidate must be admitted to the Mass. Bar with between 3 and 10 years of legal experience. Knowledge of housing law and some eviction trial/motion experience is preferred. Experience in federal (SSI/SSDI) and/or state benefits (TAFDC, EAEDC, SNAP, MassHealth) is required. Fluency in Spanish or Haitian Creole is preferred but not required.

Salary is based on a union scale, with a starting annual salary of \$63,000 to \$73,500 depending on experience. Potential salary increase in the future will be determined by the Collective Bargaining Agreement. GBLS offers a generous benefits package and paid time off policy. A hybrid work schedule is possible.

Candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and brief writing sample to the GBLS Human Resources Team by email to jobs@gbls.org. Please refer to **Job Code: CASLS-Atty** when applying for this position. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled but applicants are encouraged to submit applications by April 8, 2022.

GBLS values diversity and encourages applicants from a broad range of backgrounds and experiences.