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2-YEAR LONG TERM TEMP STAFF ATTORNEY POSITION ASIAN OUTREACH PROGRAM

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.

Greater Boston Legal Services is hiring a full –time long term temp staff attorney for a period of 2 years to work in the Asian Outreach Program.

Using a community lawyering model, the Asian Outreach Program provides bilingual and bicultural legal services and support for movement building in the Asian American community. Asian Outreach works in conjunction with community organizers to dismantle racially unjust systems, recognizing that the community and our clients are their own fiercest advocates. Our model enables us to respond to the day-to-day needs of the Asian American community and inspires our broader work against systemic inequality and oppression. Our major projects include stopping deportations in the Southeast Asian community, fighting against gentrification/displacement in low-income immigrant neighborhoods like Chinatown, educating nail salon workers about their rights, protecting the voting rights of limited English proficient people, and supporting undocumented Asian immigrants.

In close collaboration with our regional and national community partners, the attorney will engage in direct legal representation, policy work, and intersectional coalition building to respond to the legal needs of low-income Asian immigrants. Legal areas of focus could include immigration, housing, employment, or language access as well as other civil rights and racial justice issues based on community need as our team seeks to develop deeper relationships with community partners and vulnerable populations in areas outside of Boston. The attorney will organize legal clinics, engage in outreach and education, and foster new relationships with impacted individuals.

Candidate should have no more than three years of experience, and admission to the Mass. Bar or comity is preferred. The attorney preferably speaks Vietnamese, Khmer, Nepali, Hindi or another Asian language. An understanding of Asian American history and culture and experience working with Asian American community groups is preferred. Experience in and/or commitment to community lawyering is expected. At this time, due to COVID-19, most work will be handled remotely with limited work done in the office. This requires the ability to be able to effectively work remotely.

Salary is based on a union scale with a starting salary of \$59,000. GBLS offers a generous benefits package, retirement contribution, a student loan repayment assistance plan for eligible attorneys, and generous PTO leave. Candidates should submit a letter of interest, resume and brief writing sample to Sonia Marquez, Director of Human Resources, via e-mail at jobs@gbls.org. Please refer to Job Code: AOP-LTT-ATT when applying for this position. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. GBLS encourages applicants from a broad range of backgrounds and experiences.