



End poverty. Advocate for justice.

## Seeks Applicants for Staff Attorney

GHLA's mission is to achieve equal justice, to promote social justice, and to address the effects and root causes of poverty. In pursuit of that mission, staff attorneys provide comprehensive legal services for civil issues.

GHLA priority practices include eviction defense, tenants' rights, housing conditions, family law remedies for family violence victims, government benefits, equitable access to education for vulnerable students living in poverty, pardons, and immigration protections for victims of family and/or sexual violence. Currently, our largest units are family and housing. Attorneys appear in state and federal courts at both the trial and appellate level, and before administrative agencies. Staff attorneys also work on systemic advocacy efforts, including impact litigation and policy advocacy.

GHLA provides significant support and structure to all new hires through a variety of strategies including regular supervision, feasible caseloads, peer mentoring, and a rigorous yet collegial Practice Group that emphasizes litigation skills, trauma-informed practice, cultural responsiveness, and working as a team.

### **Qualifications:**

- Member of Connecticut Bar preferred, or eligibility to waive in or sit for the next Connecticut Bar Exam
- Superior oral and written communication skills
- Excellent administrative and organizational skills, including ability to self-direct
- Personal attributes including:
  - dedication to social justice and to advocating for people living in poverty,
  - self-motivation, strong work ethic and commitment to working as a team,
  - ability to work effectively with diverse groups and individuals.
- Juris Doctor degree

**Application Process:**

Interested candidates should submit:

1. a letter expressing your interest in the position of Staff Attorney, and what you believe you can contribute to the pursuit of GHLA's Mission
2. a current resume
3. three references

**Materials should be emailed to: [staffattorneyhire@ghla.org](mailto:staffattorneyhire@ghla.org)**

Applications will be accepted until hiring is completed.

GHLA is an equal opportunity employer. GHLA's commitment to anti-discrimination, diversity, equity, and inclusion is demonstrated across its practice and organizational culture and is guided by an active A-DDEI Committee.

This is a full-time position, with excellent salary and benefits including a Loan Repayment Assistance Program. GHLA will accept inquiries for part-time positions of .8 FTE (32 hours per week) from Connecticut barred attorneys with 2 or more years of litigation experience. Our salary scale is \$78,950 to \$128,150, depending on experience.

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