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NMLA staff attorney position available in Gallup for Native American, domestic violence and general poverty law work

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The staff attorney will handle cases and matters involving Federal Indian law and Indian tribal law issues, including representation of low income individuals in tribal court. In addition, the staff attorney may be required to handle general poverty law work in non-Tribal forums and to conduct outreach in Indian and non-Indian communities. The attorney will also be active in relevant bar and community activities. The position will be based in Gallup and will concentrate on Native American and non-Native American cases in northwest counties of the state. It may involve up to may involve up to 50% domestic violence casework. The attorney will report to the managing attorney of the Native American Program and the managing attorney of the Gallup office according to the type of casework.

The Native American Program does creative, challenging and complex work in a context of rich cultures and diverse client communities. We are looking for highly motivated candidates who are passionate and strongly committed to helping NMLA better serve our Native American communities, including development of effective team strategies to handle complex advocacy and extended representation cases and development of strategies to better identify issues of legal importance to the native American populations.

Requirements: Candidates must be licensed in New Mexico or eligible for admission by examination or licensed in another state and eligible for reciprocity admission or for a New Mexico legal aid providers limited license. Licensing in Navajo Tribal Court must be held at hire or obtained as soon as possible after hire. Experience with Native American communities and legal issues will be highly preferred. Must be willing to travel. Candidates also must possess excellent written and oral communication skills, the ability to manage multiple tasks, manage a significant caseload and build collaborative relationships within the staff and the community. Proficiency in relevant Native American languages is a plus.

Applicants may be subject to a background search. 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.

Send a current resume and a letter of interest explaining what you would like to accomplish if you are selected for this position to: jobs@nmlegalaid.org Salary: DOE, NMLA is an EEO Employer. Deadline: March 31, 2020, or until filled.

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