



## **TEMPORARY HOUSING ATTORNEYS NEEDED**

**To participate in the new**

## **CONNECTICUT RIGHT TO COUNSEL PROJECT**

Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut has openings for temporary attorney positions under the new and exciting Right to Counsel Project (RTC). We are a dynamic, high-volume legal aid helpline, providing high-quality legal counseling, advice, self-help, and referral opportunities to very low-income people in Connecticut. SLS is a non-profit funded substantially by the federal Legal Services Corporation and the Connecticut Bar Foundation.

This new initiative will aid many eligible applicants facing an immediate loss of housing, such as private eviction or termination of government public housing subsidies. SLS attorneys will provide callers with appropriate levels of services to stabilize their cases, meet essential deadlines and find in-person representation to carry the matter through to disposition. Most cases will be referred to our partner legal aid programs, Greater Hartford Legal Aid, New Haven Legal Assistance, and Connecticut Legal Services.

Participating attorneys will receive extensive training in the Housing Court process, eviction defense, the Right to Counsel Law, the Unite CT rental assistance program, and all applicable federal and state laws and programs that are available to stem the loss of housing.

Please note that this is not a litigation position. The candidate may provide client services remotely. SLS has temporarily closed its physical office space in response to the current pandemic. SLS attorneys and staff are working remotely; however, we reserve the right to conduct some initial training in person. We will provide appropriate equipment and IT services to connect to the SLS hotline, case management system, and all our networked capacities. The candidate must have sufficient bandwidth capacities.

### **PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS**

- Demonstrates commitment to advocacy on behalf of low-income people.

- Excellent interpersonal skills and empathy to be able to work with people who are not sophisticated and are under considerable stress
- Excellent communication skills: Ability to clearly and patiently articulate in plain language, by remote, information and advice they will need to understand their case, preserve their rights and move to the next step in their case.
- Spanish language fluency and literacy are a plus.
- Experience working with people of diverse populations and cultures in including the LGBTIQ+ community.
- Demonstrates ability to work collaboratively with co-workers, and also work independently when needed;
- Flexibility in outlook and approach.
- Connecticut bar admission or eligible for the subsequent swearing-in.
- Demonstrates proficiency in Microsoft Outlook, Excel, digital case management, or similar systems.

**All positions are subject to grant funding under the Right to Counsel Project.**

Salary depends on experience and hours. Part and full-time candidates will be considered. SLS is an Equal Opportunity employer. We encourage applicants from all backgrounds, ages, ethnicities, and sexual orientations/ identifications to apply.

Please submit a letter of interest and resume to Cindy Fernandez at [cfernandez@slsct.org](mailto:cfernandez@slsct.org). Please indicate "RTC Attorney Position" in the subject line to ensure consideration.

Deadline for submission: November 30, 2021.

No phone calls or hard copy letters, please.