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New Mexico Legal Aid Seeks Statewide Pro Bono Program Coordinator for Volunteer Attorney Program

New Mexico Legal Aid is seeking a dynamic and creative leader to serve as Statewide Pro Bono Coordinator for NMLA's Volunteer Attorney Program. This position will work closely with the State Bar of New Mexico and the New Mexico Commission on Access to Justice, and with local courts and pro bono committees throughout the state.

NMLA is committed to building one of the most successful and innovative pro bono projects in the country. The Statewide Pro Bono Coordinator will work closely with the Volunteer Attorney Program Director, and with State Bar leaders, Courts, local Judicial District pro bono committees, individual private attorneys and law firms, law school faculty and student groups, and civil legal services partner agencies throughout the state to help pro bono initiatives reach their maximum potential for providing representation and other forms of legal assistance to low-income New Mexicans.

If you become the new Volunteer Attorney Program Statewide Pro Bono Coordinator, you will play a key role in leading efforts to:

- a. Expand the number of pro bono attorneys willing to provide a full range of pro bono services, including direct services to low-income clients throughout New Mexico's 13 Judicial Districts, plus activities that identify and offer trainings and CLEs designed to increase the types and complexity of cases pro bono attorneys agree to accept;
- b. Organize and recruit volunteer attorneys for quarterly "Law-la-palooza" legal clinic events in the 2nd Judicial District in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, and similar pro bono legal clinic events in other New Mexico Judicial Districts; and
- c. Lead statewide efforts to increase placement of pro bono cases , especially in key areas such as family law, housing and consumer law.

We are looking for highly motivated candidates who are passionate and strongly committed to helping NMLA and our statewide pro bono partners better serve our client community.

Requirements: Three or more years' experience as a practicing attorney. Licensed in New

Mexico or licensed in any other state and eligible for New Mexico legal aid providers limited licensing or for admission by reciprocity. Prior experience working with pro bono programs or handling pro bono cases is a plus. Candidates must possess excellent written and oral communication skills, the ability to manage multiple tasks, and enthusiasm for building collaborative relationships within the State Bar and the statewide pro bono community. Must be willing to travel. Proficiency in Spanish is a plus.

Please 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: January 2, 2018.**

NMLA Staff Attorney position available in Las Cruces/Silver City

New Mexico Legal Aid is seeking a Staff Attorney for our regional offices in either Las Cruces or Silver City. The Staff Attorney position will be part of our rural communities advocacy team, and will represent clients throughout northwestern or southwestern New Mexico.

The Staff Attorney will handle cases for low-income individuals and families in a wide variety of poverty law areas including family law, housing, public benefits, and consumer issues. The Staff Attorney will be active in local bar and community activities. The work will include participating in community education and outreach to eligible clients, and recruitment of and collaboration with pro bono attorneys.

The Staff Attorney also will handle a significant caseload to assist domestic violence victims, including an opportunity to be involved in outreach and case handling for NMLA's statewide LGBTQ+ Legal Access Project, "Safe to Be You!," which provides holistic civil legal services to LGBTQ+ survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. The project especially focuses on services to LGBTQ+ survivors living in New Mexico's rural and Native American communities. Candidates with experience working as advocates on behalf of Native American or LGBTQ+ clients are strongly encouraged to apply.

The NMLA offices in Las Cruces and Silver City handle a wide range of creative, challenging and complex work. We are looking for highly motivated candidates who are passionate about justice and strongly committed to helping NMLA better serve our client communities, including development of effective team strategies to handle complex advocacy and extended representation cases.

Requirements: At least three years' experience as a licensed attorney preferred but will consider exceptionally well qualified entry level candidates. Must be licensed in New Mexico, or eligible for licensing by reciprocity, limited legal aid providers licensing, or by sitting for the next available New Mexico bar examination. Must be willing to travel. Must be able to effectively use computer technology and remote communications systems, including shared on-line workspaces and web meeting and videoconferencing software, to effectively collaborate and co-counsel with staff located in multiple offices. Candidates also must possess excellent written and oral

communication skills, the ability to manage multiple tasks, manage a caseload and build collaborative relationships within the staff and the community. Proficiency in Spanish or New Mexico tribal languages is a plus.

Send a current resume, and a letter of interest explaining what you would like to accomplish if you are selected for either position to: jobs@nmlegalaid.org

Salary: DOE, NMLA is an EEO Employer. **Application Deadline: December 21, 2018.**

NMLA seeks staff attorney and paralegal for Victims of Crime Act project based in Las Cruces

New Mexico Legal Aid has received a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission to expand civil justice assistance to victims of crime in 12 of New Mexico's southern counties. NMLA will hire an experienced staff attorney and an experienced paralegal to do outreach and provide direct civil legal services in this region. Targeted clients will include victims of human trafficking and hate crimes, abused elders, victims of federal crime, and survivors of domestic violence and other forms of interpersonal violence. Clients will be assisted with protection orders and with a range of other legal issues arising from their victim status so that they may lead safer, more financially secure lives. Project partner NM Victims' Rights Project will assist with outreach, train staff and referring agencies, and provide direct victim advocacy. Outreach efforts will include collaboration with law enforcement, prosecutors, and health professionals where victims often first seek help.

The Staff Attorneys and paralegal will also be active in local bar and community activities. The work will include participating in community education and outreach to eligible clients, and recruitment of and collaboration with pro bono attorneys.

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Salary: DOE, NMLA is an EEO Employer. **Application Deadline: December 21, 2018.**

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