



Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing

Litigation Attorney

Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing (LCBH): For 40 years, LCBH has been Chicago's only legal aid agency that advocates solely for renters. LCBH focuses its representation on serving low-income and working-class renters living in the private rental market. LCBH attorneys assist renters and tenant unions defending against eviction, fighting for improved housing conditions, and asserting tenants' rights in foreclosure units and buildings. LCBH attorneys work in collaboration with a social worker on staff to holistically address both the immediate housing crisis and its underlying causes. LCBH pursues its mission through direct legal services, community engagement, and policy and advocacy work, all of which are designed to strengthen the rights of all renters across Chicago.

Position Announcement: LCBH seeks a passionate advocate to join our team.

Duties

- Provide legal advice and brief services to renters on housing issues
- Defend renters in eviction court in both bench and jury trials
- Represent tenant unions in building court in order to improve or preserve affordable housing
- Obtain TRO's to address constructive evictions such as lock-outs, utility shut-offs, and unsafe conditions
- Supervise legal interns, pro bono attorneys, and paralegals
- Co-counsel with pro-bono attorneys to pursue impact litigation leading to the fair administration of justice in eviction courtrooms
- Conduct outreach and presentations in the community
- Track hours and cases and report as necessary to funders and other stakeholders
- Some program management duties as directed

Qualifications

- Litigation experience
- Licensed in Illinois, or have confirmed eligibility to waive in
- Affinity for legal aid and non-profit work, and committed to racial justice
- Commitment to the vision and mission of LCBH
- Ability to manage a dynamic caseload that includes a variety of housing issues
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively with other staff and community partners
- Demonstrated exceptional legal writing skills
- Demonstrated housing experience a plus
- Fluency in Spanish a strong plus



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Compensation and benefits: Compensation is based on a public interest salary scale and is commensurate with experience. LCBH offers a benefits package that includes medical, dental/vision, 401k retirement plan, and other pre-tax benefits. We also provide generous paid time off including holiday, vacation, personal and sick leave.

Application Process: To apply please send your resume and a thoughtful cover letter to jobs@lcbh.org. Please include "Attorney" in the subject line. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

LCBH is a 501(c)(3) organization and does not receive funding from the Legal Services Corporation. **We are an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourage people of color, women, people with disabilities, older people, LGBTQ, and people from other underrepresented groups to apply.**