



Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing

Job Title: Rentervention Counsel

Position Type: Full time, Grant funded

Rentervention: Rentervention is a pilot project that will assist Chicago renters facing housing issues. It is a joint project of the Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing (LCBH), Illinois Legal Aid Online, the Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois, and other advocates dedicated to helping Chicago tenants. Through Rentervention's free chatbot, tenants can go online or communicate via text for assistance resolving problems with the conditions in their homes or with disputes over security deposits. Rentervention can assist with writing a letter to their landlord or completing a legal form. In some cases, Rentervention might also see if they qualify to talk to a Rentervention lawyer free of charge. The Rentervention project is housed at LCBH.

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.

Position Announcement: The Rentervention Counsel will work in collaboration with the Rentervention Project Director and LCBH staff to oversee, support, and co-counsel with pro bono attorneys from local law firms across Chicago who will provide renters with limited scope representation to address conditions issues, eviction, and security deposit disputes via Rentervention's Virtual Clinic. When appropriate, the Rentervention Counsel will accept cases referred from Rentervention for full representation, including eviction defense.

Duties

- Recruit, train, and support pro bono attorneys who will utilize Rentervention's Virtual Clinic
- Maintain legal guides and templates in Rentervention Virtual Clinic to assist pro bono counsel in collaboration with the Rentervention Project Director
- Field questions from renters and lawyers by phone, email, and text
- Provide legal advice and brief services to renters on housing issues
- Defend renters in eviction court
- Supervise legal interns and paralegals
- Conduct outreach and present to both law firms and the broader legal aid and housing advocacy communities
- Track hours and cases and report as necessary to funders and other stakeholders



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Qualifications

- Comfortable with technology
- Capable of being an effective spokesperson/ambassador for Rentervention
- Some level of substantive housing experience
- Litigation experience a plus
- 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
- Affinity for legal aid and non-profit work, and committed to racial justice
- Commitment to the vision and mission of Rentervention and LCBH
- Licensed in Illinois, or have confirmed eligibility to waive in

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 "Rentervention Counsel" 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.**