

DisabilityRights

ARKANSAS

POSITION OPENING

Director of Legal and Advocacy Services

Little Rock, Arkansas – Disability Rights Arkansas (DRA) is seeking a Director of Legal and Advocacy Services to provide leadership, management, supervision and evaluation of DRA legal and advocacy work. The Director of Legal and Advocacy Services provides direct supervision to DRA Managing Attorneys and indirect oversight of attorneys, advocates, and other assigned staff; participates in the hiring of programmatic staff, setting priorities, budgeting and is a member of DRA's Senior Management Team.

Agency Description: Disability Rights Arkansas (DRA) is an Arkansas non-profit organization with funding and authorization from the federal government to serve as the Protection and Advocacy system for individuals with disabilities in Arkansas. DRA pursues administrative, legal, and other appropriate remedies to ensure the protection of people with disabilities in Arkansas. Cases include special education, employment, housing discrimination, abuse and neglect, right to treatment and freedom from harm. DRA pursues system change advocacy in addition to individual case advocacy.

DRA services to individuals with disabilities include information, referral, technical assistance, legal representation and investigation of abuse and neglect allegations. DRA also develops, publishes and distributes advocacy materials, participates in advocacy training, and monitors, analyzes and comments on regulations, plans, budgets, policies or proposed legislation that may affect the rights of people with disabilities.

Duties and Knowledge: The candidate will be an individual with knowledge and experience in public interest and civil rights law and litigation with specific experience in the area of disabilities. This position will manage all legal advocacy services to assure conformance with professional standards, DRA policies and compliance with all relevant federal grant requirements. Experience with applying and/or working with federal grants preferred. Duties include providing guidance on substantive, procedural evidentiary, ethical and strategic issues; provide direct supervision of five staff which includes Managing Attorneys and indirect oversight of staff attorneys, advocates, paralegals and volunteers; participate in the development, implementation and evaluation of agency program goals and priorities. The successful candidate will hire, train and mentor

400 West Capitol, Suite 1200, Little Rock AR 72201
501.296.1775 V/TTY ■ 800.482.1174 ■ Fax 501.296.1779

www.DisabilityRightsAR.org

attorneys, advocates, and paralegals.

Qualifications: A graduate of an accredited law school; licensed to practice law in Arkansas or eligible for admission; minimum of six years' experience in public interest and civil rights law preferred; demonstrated litigation experience in federal and state court. The successful candidate must have strong legal management experience and the ability to handle multiple priorities.

Excellent Benefits, including health, vision and dental insurance, paid sick and annual leave, and 403(b).

Qualified persons with disabilities and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Location of the Position: Little Rock, Arkansas

To Apply: Send cover letter, resume and writing sample to Disability Rights Arkansas, 400 West Capitol, Suite 1200, Little Rock, AR 72201; fax: 501-296-1779 or email to hr@disabilityrightsar.org.

Deadline to apply is February 1, 2019, or until position is filled.

DRA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.