Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc. Employment Opportunity Legal Corps Law Student Job Description

The Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc. Employment Opportunity Legal Corps seeks to hire six (6) Equal Justice Works students. This exciting new initiative will help secure jobs for disadvantaged individuals by removing legal barriers to employment.

The Employment Opportunity Legal Corps law students under the supervision of the Project Director will:

- Serve at least 300 hours within a 12–month period;
- o Assist in the implementation of outreach to unemployed disadvantaged individuals;
- Assist EOLC Fellows in screening, interviewing and client intake;
- Assist EOLC Fellows in applying for the expungement of criminal records;
- o Assist EOLC Fellows in correcting errors in criminal records;
- Assist EOLC Fellows in the reinstatement of driver's licenses needed to travel to a job;
- Assist EOLC Fellows in securing or prevent the loss of an occupational license;
- o Assist in repairing poor credit that is preventing employment;
- Assist in connecting clients with job skills and job seeking services after the barrier to employment has been removed; and
- Assist in follow-up to collect employment and wage information.

Qualifications: Applicant law students must be eligible to be Americorps members and must complete an application to the Equal Justice Works Americorps JD program by April 15 each year. Applicants must pass criminal history background checks, which include the National Sex Offender Public Registry, the Rhode Island Bureau of Criminal Identification background check and the FBI fingerprint-based criminal history check. Spanish speaking ability preferred.

Closing Date: Open Until Filled

Compensation: Law students will receive a \$1,175 education award upon completion of their term. Students may not receive law school credit for their service and may not receive outside funding in excess of \$4,300.

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Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc., is an Equal Opportunity, Handicapped Accessible Employer. Women, minorities, the elderly, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

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