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Eviction Defense Project Attorneys (Two Positions Available)

The Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center (LaFHAC) seeks **two Louisiana licensed attorneys** to join LaFHAC's Eviction Defense Project in New Orleans as part of a new Right to Counsel Initiative. LaFHAC is a non-profit organization that seeks to eradicate housing discrimination, an illegal and divisive force that perpetuates poverty and segregation, and limits opportunity. LaFHAC was established in 1995 and is the only full-service fair housing advocacy organization in Louisiana. LaFHAC addresses housing discrimination by 1) educating housing consumers and providers about their rights and responsibilities to proactively prevent violations of the Fair Housing Act; 2) investigating fair housing violations; 3) challenging discriminatory housing practices and policies through litigation; 4) advocating for new policies that promote equitable housing; and 5) counseling homeowners facing foreclosure.

Project Description:

The Eviction Defense Project Attorneys will join LaFHAC's staff for **one year**, with the possibility of extension as need requires and funding allows. The Project attorneys will join LaFHAC's Eviction Defense Project, with an emphasis on serving clients that fall outside of legal aid's service boundaries. The Project attorneys' work will be focused solely on eviction defense in Orleans Parish. The attorneys will work closely with the local LSC-funded legal aid organization, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, to identify the populations that are most likely to be underserved, as well as to provide and be a source for referrals. The Project attorneys will appear regularly in Orleans Parish Civil District Court to defend tenants facing eviction. Additionally, the attorneys will table 1-2 times a week in the Orleans Civil District Court to assist tenants who appear for their eviction hearings without having already secured representation.



The Project attorneys will also conduct outreach and share information with community members as needed, in addition to planning and identifying outreach events and opportunities.

Until conditions are safe, LaFHAC staff continues to work remotely, and as it relates to case work up or other office tasks, the eviction defense attorneys will work remotely as well. However, please note that the attorneys will be required to make **in-person court appearances**.

Qualifications:

LaFHAC seeks attorneys with experience in housing and ideally eviction defense. The ideal candidate should have a passion for civil rights advocacy.

Current ability to practice law in Louisiana is required. Given the immediate need, we are unable to accept unlicensed or license-pending applicants.

LaFHAC is an equal opportunity employer. LaFHAC values diversity and inclusion in the workplace because it enhances the work we do, reflects the communities we serve, and embodies the values we further and defend. Candidates of all backgrounds are welcome.

Compensation:

The salary for these positions is \$65,000. LaFHAC's benefits include 100% employer-paid medical insurance for employees, with available dental and vision coverage; flex spending account; 401(k) with employer-matched contributions; paid vacation, and paid parental leave.

How to Apply: The position is open until filled. Please email a resume and cover letter explaining your interest in the position to resumes@lafairhousing.org with the subject line "Eviction Defense Project Attorney."