**Job Announcement**

**OLC Staff Attorney—Ontario Regional Office**

**POSITION:** Oregon Law Center (OLC) seeks a full-time staff attorney based in Ontario.

**ABOUT US:** OLC is a non-LSC funded legal services program that helps Oregon’s low income communities achieve justice by providing them with the highest quality civil legal services. OLC operates ten offices, a state support unit, a legislative advocacy unit, and a statewide farmworker program. In addition, OLC also works closely with partners to deliver coordinated civil legal services to low income Oregonians.

**ABOUT OLC ONTARIO**: OLC’s Ontario Regional Office is a five-person team consisting of three attorneys, a paralegal, and an office manager. The Ontario office provides legal services to four rural Eastern Oregon Counties-Baker, Grant, Harney, and Malheur- that in total contain a high percentage of Spanish-speaking people and a high poverty rate. We seek to improve our clients’ lives individually. More broadly, we seek to ameliorate poverty’s root causes in the region through litigation, policy advocacy, and work with community partners. Based on our routine client needs assessments, our current priorities are housing, employment, domestic violence, sexual assault, administrative, immigration, consumer, civil rights, and senior law.

Geographically, Ontario is a rural community, located on the Snake River in the Treasure Valley adjacent to the Idaho Border. It is approximately one hour from Boise and an easy drive to beautiful mountains and rivers both in Idaho and Oregon.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Through this position, an attorney has a unique and exciting opportunity to help Eastern Oregon’s vulnerable rural populations. Broadly, we seek an attorney who is not only skilled at litigation, but who is also a high-energy individual who can create and cement relationships with community partners that can last for years. More specifically:

* The attorney will represent survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, elder abuse and dating violence in protective orders and in family law matters. The attorney may work on other legal matters relating to or arising out of the abuse or violence.
* The attorney will collaborate with the advocates at the six domestic violence/sexual assault and elder services programs (“partner programs”) throughout the four counties.
* The attorney will train the partner program advocates on the range of civil legal remedies available to survivors of abuse.
* The attorney and partner programs will do outreach and create an intake and referral protocol that best provides legal services to the targeted population.
* The attorney will also work with the partner programs to provide a training to the community at large to increase awareness of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, elder abuse and dating violence, and of the services available to address and remediate the effects of such abuse.
* This position will require significant travel throughout these four beautiful counties for both direct representation and for presentations.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

* 0-5 years of legal experience.
* A clear commitment to justice for low-income communities and survivors of abuse.
* A high degree of initiative.
* Ability to independently manage a caseload.
* Strong interpersonal skills, a sense of humor, and a positive attitude.
* Excellent written and verbal advocacy skills.
* Creativity in resolving legal problems.
* An ability to actively foster camaraderie both within the office and among our partners.
* Fluency in spoken and written Spanish.
* Admission to Oregon Bar or willingness and ability to sit for the next exam.
* Willingness to travel.

**PREFERENCES:**

* Experience representing low-income clients.
* Experience working with survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence and/or elder abuse.
* Experience using litigation, policy advocacy, and work with community partners to cause change.
* Life experience with poverty, disability, or any other minority status or affiliation.
* Experience living in or desire to live in a small, rural, community.

**SALARY/BENEFITS:** Salary depends on experience. Good benefits package offered.

**HOW TO APPLY:** To apply, submit your resume, a cover letter explaining why you are interested in this position, and list of three references to Dev Parikh, Manager, Ontario Regional Office, at [dparikh@oregonlawcenter.org](mailto:dparikh@ofregonlawcenter.org). Please include the word “resume” in the subject line. Position is open until filled.

If you are interested in learning more about the substantive work of this position, please contact Debra Dority at 503-473-8323 or ddority@oregonlawcenter.org.

**OLC is an equal opportunity employer committed to creating a healthy work environment for a diverse staff. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply.**