SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC.

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Offices in Castlewood, Christiansburg & Marion



Southwest Virginia Legal Aid

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Director of Litigation

Position Description:

SVLAS is seeking applicants for a Director of Litigation. This position is available immediately and applicants will be considered until the position is filled.

Duties include the direction and coordination of litigation, advocacy efforts through lead counseling and co-counseling of litigation and guidance and mentoring of attorneys through the litigation process. The Director should have significant experience in a wide range of trial advocacy and skills including:

- Litigation
- Jury and bench trial preparation, jury selection, and other incidents of trials
- Case assessment
- Negotiation
- Drafting of pleadings and discovery requests and responses
- Preparing for and conducting depositions

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- Identifying and implementing advocacy and other skills/training needed for attorneys
- Performing other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Director

Requirements:

- Minimum of seven (7) years of experience in trial litigation.
- Significant experience in the skills described above.
- Licensed Virginia attorney in good standing with a thorough knowledge of Virginia law.
- Have a credible interest in serving low-income people with a passion for equal justice.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Valid driver license.

*Appellate and management experience are ideal.

*Thorough knowledge of Federal law and procedure is ideal.

The Director of Litigation will carry an active caseload, cover substantive legal areas and/or specific advocacy functions as assigned by the Executive Director, advise the Executive Director and Senior Staff on policy, program priorities and training needs. With Field Offices in Christiansburg, Marion and Castlewood, office location is flexible.

Salary/Benefits:

The starting salary range for this position is **\$70,000 to \$75,000**, DOE. SVLAS provides excellent fringe benefits including health insurance, retirement, generous leave, and training expenses. Student loan repayment assistance is available depending on your eligibility.

To Apply: Please send resume and cover letter, including three references, by e-mail to: Joseph Carico, Executive Director at <u>jcarico@svlas.org</u>.