



# SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC.

227 West Cherry Street ♦ Marion, VA 24354

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## LEGAL ASSISTANT/PARALEGAL

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Education or experience equal to meet the demands of the job.
- Proficient with Microsoft WORD with excellent spelling and grammar skills
- Experience with data entry into a computerized database
- Self-motivation to implement and/or improve office systems, as necessary
- Ability to handle high-pressure situations and work overload
- Ability to communicate well with a wide range of clients who may be in a crisis situation
- Must have knowledge of or willingness to quickly learn the meaning of court documents, pleadings and legal terminology. Past work with housing units or housing law a definite plus
- The ability to speak and write in Spanish is a definite plus

### DUTIES:

- Share telephone answering duties and greet the public
- Do client intake, as needed, which involves interviewing the applicant to obtain a breakdown of the applicant's assets, income and liabilities. If the client is financially eligible for services, obtain information regarding the facts of the case, hearing dates, adverse parties, and other information which will help the attorney be immediately familiar with the client's legal issue.
- Use a computerized database program to enter client information into the database.
- Responsible for maintaining a tickler system, court docket calendar, opening and closing cases, and mailing documents to clients.
- Responsible for opening mail and logging in all incoming monies.
- Responsible for client trust ledger, checkbook and issuing receipts for client fee payments.
- Responsible for staying current about court filing procedures and fees.
- Responsible for typing as requested by attorneys. This may include letters, briefs, complaints and memorandums.
- Responsible for taking messages from clients and relaying them to the appropriate attorney, and relaying messages to clients at the direction of attorneys.
- Responsible for filing and neat organization of the office, and such other duties as may be assigned by the Managing Attorney, Executive Director or Director of Administration.
- Participate in skills training as directed by the Managing Attorney and/or Executive Director

**Salary/Benefits**

Salary: \$30,000+ DOE. EOE. SVLAS offers a generous package that includes competitive salary, medical and life insurance, liberal annual and personal leave, and a retirement savings program with an employer contribution.

**To Apply:** Please send resume and cover letter, including three references, by e-mail to: Susan Richardson, Managing Attorney at [srichardson@svlas.org](mailto:srichardson@svlas.org).