

# DISABILITY RIGHTS

at University Legal Services



# DC

## Attorney Position Available at Disability Rights DC

Disability Rights DC at University Legal Services is seeking a full-time attorney to advocate and represent DC residents with disabilities.

### About Disability Rights DC:

Disability Rights DC (DRDC) at University Legal Services is a non-profit legal organization that serves as the federally-mandated protection and advocacy program with people with disabilities in the District of Columbia. DRDC advocates for the human and civil rights of people with disabilities to be free from discrimination and abuse and neglect and to be fully integrated into their communities. DRDC is an equal opportunity employer that does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, political belief, creed, national origin, marital status or disability.

### Job Responsibilities:

- Advocate and litigate on behalf of children and adults with mental illness and traumatic brain injuries to promote their access to quality, accessible and integrated services and to be free from discrimination;
- File grievances on behalf of adults with mental illness to address a rights violation or discriminatory conduct by the District government or a District-funded provider;
- Monitor conditions in residential and institutional settings and conduct investigations of alleged abuse and neglect by the District government or District-funded providers and pursue individual and systemic resolutions ;
- Conduct outreach and training for individuals with mental illness in hospitals and community residential facilities;
- Convene meetings with advocates and mental health consumers to collaborate on policy and programmatic concerns;
- Educate stakeholders and the community concerning significant rights issues impacting individuals with mental illness and traumatic brain injury;
- Represent Social Security beneficiaries in removing barriers to employment.

Candidates must possess a J.D. from an accredited law school and be admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia or be eligible to waive into the DC Bar. The attorney must have a demonstrated commitment to public interest work and to disability rights, effective written and oral communication and problem solving skills. The ideal candidate has at least two years of legal experience, preferably in civil rights and/or public benefits law.

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