



1431 Elizabeth Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28204
Telephone: (704) 376-1600
Facsimile: (704) 376-8627

JOB NOTICE

Community Redevelopment Project

Part-Time Attorney

Posted January 1, 2019: Open Until Filled

Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy, a non-profit provider of civil legal assistance to low-income persons in the Charlotte area, seeks a part-time staff attorney for its Community Redevelopment (CRD) Project within its Consumer Protection Program, described on the attached page.

The Advocacy Center is committed to aggressive advocacy on behalf of low-income people in many areas of law and in all forums in which their rights and interests are determined. Advocacy Center attorneys provide legal advice to and represent individual low-income clients in state and federal courts and administrative agencies, work closely with our pro bono program, provide community legal education, participate in community events, assist other agencies serving low-income people and engage in legislative, administrative and other systemic advocacy projects and activities.

The Advocacy Center is funded by contributions from individuals and law firms, the United Way of Central Carolinas, grants from federal, state and local government agencies, private foundation grants and client fees. The Center receives no Legal Services Corporation funds. More information about the Advocacy Center can be found at our website: www.CharlotteLegalAdvocacy.org.

Requires graduation from law school; North Carolina Bar license, eligible for comity or to take the NC Bar exam; demonstrated commitment to the poor; strong communication and analytical ability; strong interest in both individual and systemic advocacy, self-motivated, creative and dependable. Proficiency in Spanish helpful but not required.

Salary \$26.50 per hour, or more, depending on experience; no benefits.

To Apply send a resume; writing sample; names and telephone numbers of three references; and a *detailed letter explaining your qualifications for and your interest in this specific position and in this specific organization*, your bar status, and a description of your experience with low-income people and any other relevant information to: Brittany Chadwick, Administrative Assistant, Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy, by email to brittanyc@CharlotteLegalAdvocacy.org or by mail to 1431 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte, NC, 28204. Email is preferred.

Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

Consumer Protection Program



The ***Consumer Protection Program*** fosters the financial stability of lower income persons. The program focuses on:

- Building and preserving wealth in low income families by protecting home ownership and home equity through foreclosure defense and home equity theft prevention; and through prevention of other predatory mortgage lending and servicing abuses.
- Defense of debt collection and debt collection lawsuits, resolution of credit reporting errors and identity theft; enforcement of consumer protection laws through affirmative litigation and representation of consumers in bankruptcies;
- Preserving transportation necessary for employment, including representation in predatory, vehicle lending cases, automobile fraud, and illegal repossession.
- Consumer outreach focused on education of low-income and moderate-income about how to avoid these risks and protect themselves in certain exploitative, financial transactions.

The ***Community Redevelopment Project*** supports many organizations in the Charlotte area that work to redevelop financially distressed areas of our community. The Advocacy Center collaborates with the following organizations:

- City of Charlotte Neighborhood and Business Services Department to provide legal assistance to eligible low-income homeowners and tenants on targeted rehabilitation projects in two selected low-income neighborhoods. Services include title repair, credit repair, and other consumer protection issues.
- Re-entry issues for targeted communities, including expunction work and driver's license restoration.
- The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership to provide legal assistance to eligible low-income clients to assist homeowners, tenants, and homeless individuals remain in their housing. Services include work that contributes to their community's financial stability and organizing a series of workshops to assist low-income homeowners with assessing all property tax relief available to them.
- Habitat for Humanity Charlotte Chapter to provide legal assistance to eligible low-income prospective homeowners in communities it is redeveloping, including real estate closings and other legal work related to the property transaction.
- Community Development Corporations (CDC) to provide requested legal assistance to eligible low-income clients of the CDC communities to ensure that their new ownership legal needs are met.
- Grassroots community organizations and CDCs to provide limited legal assistance to participants in community economic development entrepreneurship projects. Services will include legal assistance for the participants, including advice regarding business structure, tax matters, licensing, and entity formation.
- Latin American Coalition to provide legal support and outreach to immigrants in relevant areas of consumer law.