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**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
DIRECTOR OF LITIGATION FOR DISABILITY AND AGING RIGHTS**

MFY Legal Services, Inc. (MFY), a 48-year old nonprofit public interest law firm, seeks a Director of Litigation for Disability and Aging Rights to coordinate and direct the affirmative and appellate litigation in housing, disability rights, government benefits and aging issues, to directly supervise the work of MFY's Adult Home Advocacy Project, and to be a leading member of the MFY management team. The person will report directly to MFY's Executive Director.

MFY's 45-person staff is comprised of attorneys, paralegals, social workers and support staff. . It is a diverse, unionized, and collegial workplace. Staff caseloads balance advice and individual representation with law reform advocacy and litigation. MFY does not receive federal LSC funding. For more information, visit www.mfy.org.

Responsibilities:

- Work with MFY supervising attorneys to develop litigation and advocacy efforts to address systemic problems faced by people with disabilities and the aged in housing, government benefits, and other matters.
- Oversee affirmative litigation and appellate practice in state and federal court, with a focus on housing, disability, government benefits, and aging issues.
- Directly supervise the work of the Adult Home Advocacy Project.
- Work with the management team to address general office needs, such as preparing CLE training materials, contract management, fundraising and other administrative tasks.
- Handle own docket, as time permits.

Requirements:

At least eight years litigation experience in federal and state courts in both affirmative and defensive litigation, and appellate advocacy. Experience handling state and federal litigation with pro bono co-counsel. Excellent research and writing skills. Background in housing, disability, government benefits and aging issues. Experience supervising attorneys handling individual and impact litigation. Leadership, teambuilding and mentoring skills. Grants management experience. Competence in language spoken by legal services client communities is desirable, but not required.

Salary: Commensurate with experience, with excellent fringe benefits.

Applicants should submit cover letter, resume and writing sample to Jeanette Zelhof, Executive Director, and transmit by e-mail to jzelhof@mfy.org.

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