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### Homeless Services Advocacy – Spitzer Fellowship Opportunity

The Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless seeks to hire an attorney who shares our vision of a just and inclusive community for all residents of DC, where housing is a human right and where every individual and family has access to the resources they need to thrive.

The Legal Clinic's mission is to use the law to make justice a reality for our neighbors who struggle with homelessness and poverty. Combining community lawyering and advocacy to achieve our clients' goals, our staff and network of 150+ volunteer attorneys provide low barrier legal services at intake sites throughout DC, helping our clients access housing, shelter, and other vital supports and services. Rooted in the experience of this client work, we blend system reform efforts, policy advocacy, client engagement and community education to advocate for long term improvements in programs that serve the homeless and low-income community.

The Legal Clinic's Spitzer Homeless Services Advocacy Fellowship, established with the generous support of the Bernard and Anne Spitzer Charitable Trust, is a full-time opportunity for an attorney who has between two and six years of practice experience and who is committed to housing justice and civil rights in the District of Columbia. The Fellow will work on promoting policy, budget and programmatic solutions that will lead to positive change in DC's homeless services system, including its shelter and Rapid Rehousing programs. The Fellow also will participate in our Attorney of the Day program to field emergency calls and maintain a small caseload of shelter cases, including disability rights cases, so that the Fellow's advocacy will be informed by client experiences. The Fellow's tenure will run through the end of 2021.

We are looking for an attorney to join the Legal Clinic who

- is committed to social justice;
- values client voice and leadership and recognizes the importance of connecting with community members, organizers and community-based organizations in developing advocacy positions and strategies;
- has experience working on issues related to homelessness, civil rights and poverty;
- is comfortable being part of an organization that takes unpopular positions if justice demands that we do so.

Our ideal candidate will have:

- two - six years legal experience, preferably in a public interest setting;
- knowledge of DC government and resources;
- DC Bar membership or licensure in another state and ability to waive into DC.

The successful candidate will be comfortable working in a small, non-profit environment, both independently and as part of a team.

**Salary:** Salary range begins in the \$60k's and depends upon experience. The Legal Clinic offers excellent benefits. Applicant may be eligible for loan repayment assistance through the DC Bar Foundation.

**Timing:** The fellowship will commence as soon as possible after January 1, 2020 and conclude at the end of December, 2021.

**To Apply:** Please send a cover letter, resume, writing sample, names of three references via email to [job@legalclinic.org](mailto:job@legalclinic.org) and note "Spitzer Homeless Services Fellow" in the subject line. *We are looking for thoughtful, personalized cover letters that demonstrate qualifications and interest in working to build a more just community.* Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. WLCH values inclusion and diversity in staffing. People of color and individuals from other underrepresented communities are strongly encouraged to apply.