

**COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC COUNSEL SERVICES
MENTAL HEALTH LITIGATION DIVISION**

Position Posting

October 6, 2011

Staff Attorney
Mental Health Private Counsel Affairs Unit

The Mental Health Litigation Division (MHL) of the Committee for Public Counsel Services is seeking a staff attorney with experience in mental health law.

Duties:

The staff attorney will report to the Supervising Attorney of the Mental Health Private Counsel Affairs Unit. The staff attorney's primary responsibility will be to assist in the evaluation of private attorneys seeking recertification to accept assignments to represent indigent persons in mental health proceedings. Additionally, the staff attorney will:

- Assist in the training of private attorneys;
- provide support and advice to private attorneys in mental health proceedings;
- provide legal advice to psychiatric patients and others;
- monitor attorney compliance with, and investigate complaints of attorney failure to comply with, applicable CPCS Performance Standards;
- assist the Supervising Attorney with the MHL mentor program;
- maintain his or her own case load, trial and appellate, to the extent agreed upon by the staff attorney and the Supervising Attorney; and
- perform other duties as required by the Supervising Attorney.

Requirements:

Applicants must be members in good standing of the Massachusetts bar, or be licensed in another jurisdiction and eligible to practice in Massachusetts under Supreme Judicial Court Rule 3:04. A minimum of five (5) years of mental health litigation experience is required; appellate experience is preferred. Preference will be given to attorneys who are currently certified to accept CPCS mental health assignments. Access to reliable transportation in order to travel to courts, mental health facilities, and other locations is required. Foreign language skills are desirable.

Salary:

The salary range for this position is \$49,907.78-\$64,709.32, based upon experience.

Anticipated Start Date:

The anticipated starting date is November 21, 2011.

Office Location:

Greater Boston area – specific location TBD.

Application:

Interested candidates should submit a written statement of interest, resume, and the names of at least two (2) professional references **by email** no later than **October 21, 2011** to:

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