



Washington, DC: Staff Attorney Position

The Amara Legal Center is a nonprofit legal services organization dedicated to providing free legal services to individuals whose rights have been violated while involved in commercial sex. To learn more about the Amara Legal Center's mission and work, please visit www.amaralegal.org.

Required Qualifications

- J.D. from an accredited law school
- Candidate is licensed to practice law in Washington, DC
- At least one to two years of litigation experience
- Excellent research and writing skills
- Demonstrated experience, knowledge, or interest regarding domestic sex trafficking, sex workers' rights, sexual assault, and/or survivors of trauma within the legal system
- Demonstrated experience working with underserved communities
- Strong commitment to social justice and public interest
- Ability to develop and implement projects
- Excellent interpersonal skills and appropriate use of diplomacy and tact.
- Must be eligible to work for any employer in the United States

Desired Skills

- Candidate is licensed to practice in DC federal court
- Experience with and interest in pursuing policy or legislative advocacy on behalf of clients

Role/Responsibilities

- Train and supervise DC pro bono attorneys and legal interns as necessary
- Independently provide legal advice, advocacy, and representation on civil and criminal cases in DC Superior Court, including, but not limited to, criminal record expungement, child custody and other family law issues, civil protection orders, name changes, crime victims advocacy, and representation for low-level criminal charges
- Train local service providers on the identification of domestic survivors of sex trafficking, and provide information sessions for clients about various areas of the law
- Establish and foster supportive relationships with staff, partners, clients, pro-bono attorneys, and volunteers.
- Participate in stakeholder meetings with other community-based organizations and legal services providers serving Amara's target client population.
- Inform Amara DC attorneys of current legal developments, research, best practices
- Develop, implement, and oversee ongoing trainings in Amara's practice areas for pro bono attorneys/law students as needed
- Monitor and comply with grant metrics, restrictions, and goals.

Salary is negotiable

TO APPLY: Submit a cover letter, three references, and your resume to recruiting@amaralegal.org. We will review resumes and schedule interviews on a rolling basis. Applications that are incomplete will not be reviewed. References will not be contacted until the final phase of the hiring process.