

## **NORTHEAST NEW JERSEY LEGAL SERVICES VETERANS STAFF ATTORNEY POSITION**

Northeast New Jersey Legal Services (NNJLS) seeks an attorney to provide legal representation and advice to veterans and their families who need assistance with Veterans benefits claims, public benefits, housing, and consumer related matters. This is a full-time position with the ability to work a hybrid schedule.

Northeast New Jersey Legal Services' mission is to ensure equal access to justice for low-income residents of Bergen, Hudson, and Passaic Counties, New Jersey. In order to accomplish this mission, NNJLS provides a full array of free legal services in civil matters, including legal representation, advocacy, advice, community legal education, and other legal services.

**Location:** Northeast New Jersey Legal Services provides services in Bergen, Hudson, and Passaic Counties. Offices are within easy commuting distance from Northern New Jersey and New York City via public transportation.

**Position Description:** The Veterans Staff Attorney will provide veterans and their families with legal counsel and advice, representation at administrative hearings and court proceedings, appeals, and other extended services. Specific legal issues to be addressed include securing VA disability benefits and/or SSDI/SSI benefits for veterans with complex physical and mental health challenges; preventing foreclosures and evictions; and ensuring access to public benefits including TANF, GA, SNAP, and unemployment. The position will also require the Veterans Staff Attorney to develop and deliver Community Legal Education (CLE) workshops for veterans; conduct outreach; and build partnerships with community agencies that serve the veteran population.

**Position Qualifications:** The Staff Attorney must be a graduate of an accredited law school and be admitted to practice law in the State of New Jersey. The position requires excellent oral and written communication skills, as well as exceptional interpersonal, organizational, and negotiation skills; the ability to work as a member of a service-provision team; and the ability to become accredited to practice before the Department of Veterans Affairs. Some travel between offices is required.

Northeast New Jersey Legal Services is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, or veteran status.

NNJLS provides an attractive salary starting at \$73,000 commensurate with experience, and a generous fringe benefits package. NNJLS is an equal opportunity employer, including supporting individuals with a disability and veterans. For more information about NNJLS visit [www.northeastnjlegalservices.org](http://www.northeastnjlegalservices.org)

Please submit your resume and a cover letter detailing your qualifications and interest in the position to: [HRNNJLS@LSNJ.ORG](mailto:HRNNJLS@LSNJ.ORG)