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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: CLINICAL ATTORNEY

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The [Project on Predatory Student Lending](#) seeks an outstanding experienced attorney to join our team this summer. The Project is committed to building and maintaining a diverse staff and an inclusive environment. Salary is commensurate with experience.

The Project on Predatory Student Lending

Established in 2012 as part of the Legal Services Center's Predatory Lending/Consumer Protection Clinic, the Project on Predatory Student Lending represents low-income student loan borrowers who have experienced predatory lending in connection with for-profit schools. In addition to representing low-income borrowers in state and federal litigation, it has been a leading advocate for improving state and federal policies that affect low-income borrowers. To learn more about the Project's work, including several significant recent cases, please visit www.projectonpredatorystudentlending.org.

This position presents an opportunity to join an exciting and innovative project that provides much-needed services, the benefits of which will extend beyond our local community, to work in a dynamic public interest and clinical teaching law office, and to advocate on behalf of consumers harmed by fraudulent and deceptive practices.

The Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School

Located at the crossroads of Jamaica Plain and Roxbury in the City of Boston, the Legal Services Center is a community-based clinical law program of Harvard Law School. Through five clinical offerings—Family Law/Domestic Violence Clinic, Predatory Lending/Consumer Protection Clinic, Post-Foreclosure Eviction Defense Housing Clinic, Veterans Law and Disability Benefits Clinic, and Federal Tax Clinic—and numerous pro bono initiatives we provide essential legal services to low-income residents of Greater Boston and in some instances, to clients outside our service area. Since 1979, we have engaged in cutting-edge litigation and legal strategies to improve the lives of individual clients, to seek systemic change for the communities we serve, and to provide law students with a singular opportunity to develop fundamental lawyering skills within a public interest law setting. To these ends, we partner with a diverse array of organizations, and continually adapt our practice areas to meet the changing legal needs of our client communities. To learn more, please visit <http://www.legalservicescenter.org/>.

Clinical Attorney: Project attorneys will implement the strategic litigation agenda of the Project in close collaboration with the Project Director, Director of Litigation, colleagues, students, and community partners. Attorneys engage in both direct, individual representation and high-impact litigation on behalf of low-income student loan borrowers. Some travel may be required.

Candidates must have a J.D. and be admitted to the Massachusetts bar or have the ability to receive temporary admission pursuant to Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Rule 3:04. Minimum of 3 years litigation experience required.

The ideal candidate will have:

- At least 5 years of litigation experience—background in the fields of civil rights, consumer protection, and/or administrative law are especially relevant to this position;
- Exceptional listening skills and a strong ability to convey information orally and in writing;

- A commitment to serving low-income communities;
- A passion for the Project's mission;
- Cultural competency;
- Excellent judgment;
- Strong attention to detail;
- Flexibility and the ability to handle multiple priorities; and
- The ability to work well independently and as part of a team.

This is an initial two-year term appointment with renewal subject to funding and Project need.

Salary commensurate with experience. All offers to be made by HLS Human Resources.

To Apply: Please submit a resume and cover letter to pysl@law.harvard.edu, and include the word "application" in the subject line.