– JOB POSTING: CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR, VETERANS LEGAL CLINIC –
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Position Available: The Legal Services Center (LSC) of Harvard Law School is hiring a Clinical Instructor in the Veterans Legal Clinic for an initial six-month term, with the possibility of renewal or extension. The Clinic—through which Harvard Law students receive hands-on training in lawyering skills—provides free legal representation to low-income disabled veterans in a variety of areas, including discharge upgrades, appeals to federal court challenging VA decisions to deny benefits, administrative appeals and appeals to state court to challenge state agency decisions to deny veterans benefits, and policy advocacy. The Clinic’s docket reflects a mix of individual representation cases and impact litigation and policy initiatives. The Clinical Instructor will serve as lead counsel or co-counsel in Clinic cases, train and supervise law students who enroll in the Veterans Legal Clinic and summer law interns, and carry out other responsibilities in furtherance of the Clinic’s mission. The position represents a unique opportunity to work in a dynamic public interest and clinical teaching law office and to advocate on behalf of those who have sacrificed for their country. Depending on the successful candidate’s experience and skills, the Clinic’s team of seasoned attorneys and clinicians will provide support, guidance, and mentorship as needed. Salary is commensurate with experience.

The position is full-time and available immediately. We will consider staffing the position as a part-time position if that better meets the candidate’s needs and the program’s needs. The initial appointment is for six months, with the possibility of renewal or extension based on program needs, performance, and funding availability. The position is available because of staff parental leaves. Because of remote work requirements, for the spring semester of 2021 and summer of 2021, the position does not require the attorney to live in Greater Boston or to work in person in the office. The attorney will be given access to virtual law practice technology tools so that the Clinical Instructor can work from home, wherever that may be. To the extent the position is extended beyond the initial six-month term, whether the job can continue to be performed remotely will be determined at a later date based on public health guidance, University protocols, and related considerations.

Requirements: Candidates must have earned a J.D. at least three years ago, have at least three years of relevant experience, and be admitted to the Massachusetts bar or eligible for temporary admission pursuant to Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Rule 3:04. Candidates should have a demonstrated commitment to social justice advocacy.

To Apply: Applications must be submitted via Harvard’s Human Resources website. The posting and online application portal can be found here. The posting can also be accessed here.
About the Veterans Legal Clinic: Founded in 2012 at the Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School, the Veterans Legal Clinic provides pro bono legal assistance to veterans and their families. Our goal is to protect the legal rights of the veterans community through determined, passionate, and effective advocacy. In addition to representing individual clients, the Clinic also pursues broader initiatives to improve the systems that serve the veterans community. To learn more about the Clinic, please visit here.

About the Legal Services Center: 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 six clinical offerings—Family Law/Domestic Violence Clinic, Predatory Lending/Consumer Protection Clinic, Housing Clinic, Veterans Legal Clinic, Federal Tax Clinic, and the LGBTQ+ Advocacy Clinic—and numerous projects and pro bono initiatives we provide essential legal services to low-income residents of Greater Boston and in some instances, where cases present important law reform opportunities, to clients outside our service area. Our longstanding mission is to educate law students for practice and professional service while simultaneously meeting the critical needs of the community. 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 actively partner with a diverse array of organizations, including healthcare and social service providers and advocacy groups, and continually adapt our practice areas to meet the changing legal needs of our client communities. We encourage diversity, value unique voices, and pursue with passion our twin goals of teaching law students and advocating for clients. To learn more about LSC, please visit here.