
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
EXPERIENCED STAFF ATTORNEY

The Mississippi Center for Justice (“MCJ”) seeks an experienced Staff Attorney to support MCJ’s robust legal advocacy and direct services programs. The Staff Attorney will work in MCJ’s newly minted Justice Court Pilot Project (“JCPP”), as a part of MCJ’s Economic Justice Campaign. The JCPP is a two-year project focused on buttressing MCJ’s wider access to justice work through direct partnerships with Justice Courts in targeted communities.

MCJ is a nonprofit, public interest law firm committed to advancing racial and economic justice statewide. Our lawyers work with community leaders to support their social justice campaigns and to channel the energies of the legal community to combat discrimination and poverty. With offices in Jackson, Biloxi, and Indianola, we seek systemic solutions that support a fair and just criminal justice system for juveniles and adults, protect the rights of consumers, secure access to healthcare, protect voting rights for all, and make fair and affordable housing available for all Mississippians.

Job Responsibilities

This is a new position, based in Indianola, Mississippi and reporting to the Director of MCJ’s Economic Justice Campaign. The Staff Attorney’s duties will include:

- Reviewing and researching Justice Court procedures and rules across the state;
- Working in partnership with Justice Court Judges and supporting staff to implement targeted changes to procedures and rules;
- Facilitating conversations and trainings amongst courts across the State;
- Maintaining quantitative and qualitative data to track the progress of implemented changes; and
- Providing quarterly and/or yearly reports to EJ Campaign Director.

Qualifications

- Minimum education required is a Juris Doctorate from an ABA approved law school;
- The incumbent must be a current member of the Mississippi Bar or be able to attain licensure within six months of hire date;
- Demonstrated interest in and commitment to racial and economic justice;
- Take initiative, be highly organized and detail oriented, and possess strong interpersonal and time-management skills;
- Able to multi-task, demonstrate grace under pressure, and meet deadlines;
- Able to work independently, as well as within a team; and
- Must be proficient in Microsoft Word, and familiar with Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint) and database software.

Salary/Benefits

Salary is competitive and dependent on experience. The Mississippi Center for Justice offers a generous package that includes medical, life and dental insurance, generous leave, participation in a retirement savings program, and other benefits.

To Apply: Please send brief letter of interest, resume with contact information for three (3) professional references, including two (2) from former employers, to:

Max Lewis Meyers, MCJ Director of Economic Justice
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Please, no telephone inquiries
The position will remain open until filled.

The Mississippi Center for Justice is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We value a work place that is diverse in race, gender, economic status, age, geographic origin, sexual orientation, and other differences that enrich our organizational culture.