



New Haven Legal Assistance Association, Inc. (NHLAA) seeks to hire a contract attorney for a one year assignment. The attorney will be primarily based in Boston to represent clients with Connecticut connections being detained in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire.

NHLAA seeks an attorney with a deep commitment to public interest and experience in immigration law. The attorney will represent detained clients in removal and bond proceedings before Boston Immigration Court, the Board of Immigration Appeals and related proceedings before the USCIS.

NHLAA is a nonprofit organization that was incorporated in 1964. Our mission is to provide high-quality free legal services to individuals, families, and groups living in the greater New Haven area, including the lower Naugatuck Valley, who are unable to obtain legal services because of limited income, age, disability, discrimination and other barriers. We specialize in family, workers rights, education, public benefits, housing, immigration, health, and child law.

The attorney will be expected to:

- Represent detained noncitizens in removal proceedings in immigration court
- Represent non-detained clients released on bond
- Provide individualized consultations to detained noncitizens at detention centers in upstate Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire. Travel may be required in the early morning, evenings, and weekends
- Represent clients in Boston immigration court
- Maintain an office in Boston
- Travel to NHLAA at least twice per month
- Work with outside pro bono counsel on assigned cases
- Engage in affirmative litigation
- Provide individualized advocacy and assistance to immigrants with complex cases due to criminal records and other issues
- Engage in strategic litigation, legislative advocacy, research and action support

Qualifications:

- Applicants must be licensed and in good standing with a state Bar.
- Immigration law experience is required;
- Experience representing clients in removal defense experience including law school clinics and internships
- Demonstrated commitment to representing low-income, disadvantaged clients
- Excellent writing, analytical, and organizational skills;
- Interest in developing new approaches to representing detained noncitizens;

- Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively in a team and with outside assigned counsel;
- Ability to manage a high volume of cases;
- Spanish speaking ability is preferred, but not required.

Start Date: As soon as possible

Compensation:

Starting salary is based on a step scale based on years of experience. Generous package of vacation, personal and sick days. Excellent health and dental coverage and family leave policies.

Application:

Please send applications including a cover letter describing your interest and qualifications, resume, writing sample, and the names and contact information for three references to: immigrationhiring@nhlegal.org

For more information about our organization, please see [www.nhlegal.org](http://www.nhlegal.org).