Disability Rights Staff Attorney

Disability Rights DC (DRDC) at University Legal Services is a non-profit law firm that serves as the federally-mandated Protection and Advocacy Program for people with disabilities in the District of Columbia. DRDC advocates for the human and civil rights of people with disabilities to be free from discrimination and abuse and neglect and to be fully integrated into their communities. DRDC is an equal opportunity employer that does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, political belief, creed, national origin, marital status or disability. We value diversity of culture, disability and other life experiences.

We are seeking a full-time staff attorney to advocate and litigate cases on behalf of people with disabilities to: remedy discriminatory conduct, ensure access to quality services, investigate and resolve incidents of abuse and neglect, and promote community inclusion and independent living options through enforcement of federal mandates under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. DRDC also advocates on behalf of people with disabilities seeking access to DC polling sites to ensure their right to vote independently.

**JOB RESPONSIBILITIES** (include, but are not limited to, the following):

- Advocate and litigate for community-based services for adults with physical, hearing, vision, and other disabilities.
- Monitor public accommodations, polling places, and governmental facilities and programs in the District to ensure these programs and services are accessible to people with disabilities.
- Advocate for people with disabilities to obtain durable medical equipment and assistive technology that maximizes their independence.
- Advocate for the right of DC residents with disabilities to vote independently and privately.
- Represent individuals with disabilities to resolve complaints involving vocational rehabilitation services from the DC Rehabilitation Services Administration.
- Conduct outreach and education to people with disabilities, community groups, advocates and other stakeholders regarding individual rights, services available to people with disabilities, and DRDC’s programs and services.

Qualified candidates should have at least two years of legal experience and excellent writing, analytic, research and communication skills. Candidates must have a demonstrated commitment to public interest work and to disability rights. **Current DC Bar admission or the ability to waive into the DC Bar is required.** Experience working in the District is preferred.
HOW TO APPLY
Please email your resume with a cover letter to Lyndsay Niles, Managing Attorney, at lniles@uls-dc.org.

SALARY AND BENEFITS
Competitive public interest salary and generous benefits including employer-paid health insurance for employees and spouse and generous vacation, sick and personal leave.