



## **For economic and racial justice**

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**Job Announcement:** July 31, 2019

**Position Title:** Staff Attorney, Legal Impact Network

**Reports to:** Director, Legal Impact Network

**Location:** Chicago, IL

The Shriver Center on Poverty Law fights for economic and racial justice. Over the past 50 years, we have secured hundreds of law and policy victories with and for people experiencing economic instability in Illinois and across the country.

Everything we do is powered by communities most affected by poverty. We litigate, shape local policy, and train and convene multi-state networks of lawyers, community leaders, and activists to advance opportunity for all—not just the few.

Our country is rife with laws and policies that systematically disadvantage certain groups while advantaging others based on their race, gender, and other facets of their identities. We believe laws and policies—and the institutions that apply them—should be designed to support people. Together, we're turning this ideal into reality.

We are building a future where all people, families, and future generations have equal dignity, respect, and power under the law. Join the fight at [povertylaw.org](http://povertylaw.org).

**Position Overview:** The Shriver Center on Poverty Law is seeking a Staff Attorney to address poverty and advance racial justice nationally and in Illinois. The Staff Attorney will collaborate with other advocacy staff to further the efforts of the Legal Impact Network (LIN), a network of thirty-six systemic advocacy organizations throughout the country who address poverty and racism through multi-strategy systemic advocacy. The Shriver Center convenes and organizes LIN members to share strategies and expertise and engage in collaborative advocacy around common threats and opportunities. LIN efforts are undertaken with an explicit racial justice and intersectional lens, and with an emphasis on community-driven advocacy. Current areas of focus in LIN include reform of the criminal legal system, protecting immigrant communities, consumer rights, and public benefits-related advocacy. The Staff Attorney will also work with the Shriver Center's advocacy team on Illinois-focused advocacy that can inform and benefit from efforts on other states.

**Responsibilities:**

- Partner with other members of the LIN team to develop, effectuate and evaluate network efforts intended to advance economic and racial justice.
- Convene and organize LIN advocates, including by chairing working groups, and organizing and leading convenings.

- Support the advocacy work of LIN partners through policy support, rulemaking, amicus briefs, co-counseling, etc.
- Develop, lead, and effectuate collaborative advocacy efforts.
- Work in partnership with the Shriver Center's existing advocates on systemic advocacy to address poverty and advance racial justice in Illinois and to bridge Shriver Center and Legal Impact Network advocacy.
- Travel to conferences, convenings, and advocacy sites as needed.
- Other duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

- Experience with and demonstrated commitment to advocating on issues of poverty and racial justice and in partnership with impacted communities.
- Experience preferred in one or more of the issue areas described above (consumer rights, criminal legal reform, immigrants' rights, public benefits).
- Licensed to practice law.
- Self-direction and self-motivation, creative in problem solving, and the ability to work collaboratively and independently.
- Ability to develop and lead new and existing collaborative projects.
- Ability to travel for work-related meeting and conferences as needed (approx. 15%).

**Salary/Benefits:** This full-time exempt position offers a competitive annual salary and a comprehensive benefits package.

**Opening/Closing Date:** Open immediately; closed when filled.

**Applications:** Send a cover letter, résumé, writing sample, and references to Gavin Kearney at [hr@povertylaw.org](mailto:hr@povertylaw.org).

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