

About the Organization

The Commons Law Center is on a mission to revolutionize access to basic legal services for underserved Oregonians, and we are looking for talented and passionate professionals to join us. We are a 501(c)(3) social enterprise that provides legal services on a sliding scale basis and practical training for new legal professionals.

Stabilizing civil legal services are available to Oregonians who live below 400% of the federal poverty level. Year after year, more than 60% of The Commons live at or below 125%, or on less than \$34,688 per year for a family of 4. Practice areas include family law, guardianship, tenant law, estate planning, and probate.

Modern business practices and technology help drive the costs out of legal services delivery. Community partnerships and philanthropic donations help offset our low-cost services.

About the Role

The Commons Law Center seeks a law school graduate eligible for the Supervised Practice Portfolio Examination to join our Family Law & Guardianship Programs as a Staff Attorney. The goal of our programs is to enable average, working-class Oregonians to afford the legal help they need. In this role, experimenting with new services and delivery approaches is required.

The Commons uses a coaching model to help break the mold of expensive, time intensive, and traumatic family law and guardianship trials. Using a coaching model, an attorney meets with a client to educate them about their case, manage their expectations, and advise them how to best represent themselves. Clients don't "have a lawyer" in the traditional sense, but they have access to a lawyer, much like a person with health insurance has access to a doctor but not a personal doctor on-call.

All coaching is remote. This attorney could meet with clients from anywhere in Oregon and based on a flexible work schedule that accommodates their lives as well.

Roles and responsibilities

- Educate clients about: (1) the laws that apply to family law & guardianship cases in Oregon, (2) how Oregon courts operate, (3) how to accomplish legal goals, and (4)

what is and is not possible in court.

- Explain complex legal terms in plain language
- Manage people toward objectives (i.e. can get clients to do things for themselves)
- Maintain awareness of social and racial justice concepts broadly and willing to investigate systemic bias, racism, and other forms of oppression that impact clients, culture, and the law

Preferred qualities

- Familiarity with trauma-informed lawyering
- Comfort with technology and willing to use it consistently
- Cultural competence; Spanish language skills preferred
- Engage and be able to propel the mission of The Commons as a social enterprise
- Flexible and responsive to team and firm's needs
- Excellent communicator
- Ability to work remotely
- Detail-oriented
- Resourceful and analytical
- Excellent time management and organizational skills

Requirements:	Law school graduate interested in and eligible for the Supervised Practice Portfolio Examination.
Reports to:	Family Law Director
Salary & Benefits:	Depends on experience, healthcare for full-time staff, generous vacation time and paid holidays, and a flexible, largely remote work schedule.
Deadline:	September 1st
To Apply:	Submit a cover letter, resume, and three references with the subject line "Staff Attorney, Family Law" in a single PDF to emmafox@thecommonslawcenter.org .