

**Job Announcement**  
**Staff Attorneys**

The Rhode Island Disability Law Center (RIDLC), the federally funded, private, nonprofit Protection and Advocacy agency for people with disabilities in Rhode Island, has an immediate opening for two full-time Staff Attorneys. The attorneys will represent individuals regarding disability-related legal issues, participate in systems reform activities including litigation, monitor and investigate reports of abuse and neglect, conduct outreach to facilities and community groups, provide trainings on disability-related legal rights, and prepare educational materials. One position will also work on a new federal grant, the Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries with Representative Payees program, for which a security investigation and approval by the U.S. Government is required. A copy of the Staff Attorney job description may be found at <https://www.ridlc.org/>.

We are seeking attorneys with two to five years legal experience and a strong commitment to the civil rights of individuals with disabilities. Admission to the Rhode Island Bar preferred. Ability to travel independently is required.

RIDLC is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, age, or national origin.

To apply, please forward your resume and cover letter to:

Rhode Island Disability Law Center  
275 Westminster Street, Suite 401  
Providence, RI 02903

Or: [info@ridlc.org](mailto:info@ridlc.org)

Attn: Staff Attorney Search Committee

Deadline for applications is January 18, 2019.

**STAFF ATTORNEY**  
**JOB DESCRIPTION**  
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**Reports To:**

Supervising Attorney

**Responsibilities:**

The staff attorney position at Rhode Island Disability Law Center ("the Agency") requires the individual to handle the following responsibilities:

- Maintain the assigned caseload providing Agency clients with legal services including advice, counsel and legal representation in informal and formal advocacy settings.
- Develop and maintain a working knowledge of all substantive areas of law within the Agency's case acceptance priorities.
- Develop and maintain legal practice skills including legal research and writing, negotiation, case management, and administrative, trial and appellate practice.
- Identify, research and pursue legal issues of concern the Agency's clients through systemic advocacy, such as pursuing complex litigation and educating policy makers.
- Participate in training and outreach, including writing informational publications; providing legal trainings in the community to consumers, advocates and service providers; and, representing the Agency in community and professional organizations which support the interest of Agency clients.
- Provide legal training and consultation to other staff.
- Participate in staff, workgroup, intake, case review and supervision meetings.
- Seek supervision as necessary and advise supervisor of important case developments.

**Education and skill requirements:**

Candidates must have graduated from an ABA-accredited law school and either be admitted in good standing or be eligible for admission to the Rhode Island bar and the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island. Candidates must have

effective written and communication skills and the ability to learn the use of word-processing and other office equipment applications. Candidates must have their own source of transportation for travel within Rhode Island on Agency-related business. They must be willing to work as part of a team and to seek and accept supervision. Finally, depending on Agency requirements, some litigation experience may be necessary for new hires.