



# DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER-NH

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## STAFF ATTORNEY

The Disability Rights Center – New Hampshire (DRC-NH) seeks an enthusiastic, self-motivated attorney to join DRC in protecting and promoting the civil rights of people with disabilities. Attorneys with up to five years of litigation experience or law students graduating in May 2019 who have gained valuable practical experience while in school are encouraged to apply.

DRC-NH is part of a national network of public interest firms dedicated to advancing the civil and human rights of all people with disabilities in the community and in institutional settings. The scope of our work is wide ranging, impacting people with disabilities, including developmental and physical disabilities, mental illness, and traumatic brain injuries. Through litigation, counseling, policy advocacy and public education, we address matters related to treatment and services, accessibility and reasonable accommodation, assistive technology, employment, housing, education, and voting. Over the last 40 years, DRC-NH has litigated landmark cases regarding special education, employment discrimination, access to housing and Medicaid services. And, more recently, our litigation has led to a historic investment in mental health services for people at risk of hospitalization, improved accessibility of downtown Concord, and access to services for people with brain injuries. As the federally designated protection and advocacy system for New Hampshire, we also monitor institutions and service providers and conduct investigations to ensure people with disabilities are not at risk of neglect or abuse.

### Qualifications:

- Commitment to enforcing and expanding the rights of people with disabilities across New Hampshire through individual and systemic litigation.
- Litigation or law school intern/extern experience demonstrating excellent communication, organization and writing skills, and good judgment.
- J.D. from an accredited law school or anticipated J.D. in May 2019 from an accredited law school.
- Active membership in the New Hampshire State Bar and the Bar of the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire or an ability to promptly gain admission to both by waiving into the jurisdiction or successfully taking the next scheduled bar examination.

### Primary Responsibilities:

- Represent people with disabilities in individual and systemic litigation on disability-related civil rights issues in administrative proceedings and state and federal court.
- Monitor institutions and services for and investigate allegations of abuse and neglect of people with disabilities, collaborate with providers on addressing findings of monitoring efforts or investigations, and prepare and issue reports on the same.

- Participate on task forces, policy groups, coalitions, and otherwise collaborate with other individuals and organizations on work that benefits people with disabilities.
- Represent DRC-NH in response to media requests as assigned on matters impacting people with disabilities.
- Serve as resource to other DRC-NH staff members on policy work, public education and communications.

### Applications

If you are interested in joining DRC, please provide the following to [hr@drcnh.org](mailto:hr@drcnh.org):

- Cover letter expressing your interest in the position
- Statement of salary and benefit requirements
- Resume
- Writing sample/brief (not to exceed 30 pages)

We will begin considering applications on March 1, 2019. The position will remain open until the right candidate is found.

**DRC-NH is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from all qualified individuals. We afford equal opportunity regardless of color, race, religion, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, disability (physical or mental), age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or any other non-merit factor. DRC-NH welcomes and encourages applications from persons with disabilities.**