

STAFF ATTORNEY – SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Disability Rights Center – New Hampshire (DRC-NH) seeks an enthusiastic and self-motivated attorney to join us to protect the special education rights of children with disabilities across New Hampshire through December 2022.

This attorney will address the unique needs of students with disabilities impacted by COVID-19. Over the last year, many students did not receive the services they needed as most educational services were provided remotely, with untrained parents attempting to serve as their children’s teachers and service providers. Many children with disabilities made no progress or even regressed. Now that in-person learning is resuming, schools must address these educational gaps and additional needs related to the year of social isolation for these children. DRC-NH is seeking a passionate attorney to advocate for the educational rights of these children.

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. Over the last 40 years, DRC-NH’s advocacy has led to improved services for thousands of students with disabilities and systemic improvements in special education services in New Hampshire.

Required Qualifications:

- Commitment to enforcing and expanding the rights of children with disabilities across New Hampshire through individual representation, public policy work and systemic advocacy.
- J.D. 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 the ability to promptly gain admission to both.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Knowledge of, and/or experience representing clients in, special education matters
- State or federal court litigation experience.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Represent students with disabilities in individual special education cases in a variety of forums, including in administrative proceedings and state and federal court.

- Advocate for students with disabilities in Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team meetings and with school districts.
- Educate parents on the rights of students with disabilities.
- Participate on task forces, policy groups, coalitions, and otherwise collaborate with other individuals and organizations on work that benefits students with disabilities.

Applications

If you are interested in joining DRC-NH, please provide the following to hr@drcnh.org:

- Cover letter expressing your interest in the position
- Resume
- Writing sample (not to exceed 30 pages)

DRC-NH staff will begin considering applications on May 10. 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.