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MINNESOTA JUDICIAL BRANCH invites applications for the position of:

Office of Lawyers **Professional Responsibility Paralegal**

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SALARY:

<u>Hourly</u> \$23.77 - \$36.89

<u>Annually</u> \$49,631.76 - \$77,026.32

OPENING DATE: 01/04/19 **CLOSING DATE:** 01/27/19 11:59 PM

DESCRIPTION:

The Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility is seeking a full-time paralegal. The position provides support to the office's 12 attorneys in investigation, litigation and other tasks, and requires strong writing and analytical skills.

EXAMPLE OF DUTIES:

- <u>Investigation</u>: Determine what information and/or documents are necessary to the evaluation and/or prosecution of a complaint; obtain necessary documents and information; interview complainants and other witnesses and assess their credibility; attend meetings with respondents and others; prepare necessary file memoranda, correspondence and chronologies; maintain file organization; and assist the office's attorneys in determining the disposition of complaints.
- <u>Drafting</u>: Analyze facts and circumstances; make preliminary determinations of rule violations and prepare drafts of necessary charging, dispositional and other documents.
- Trust Account Auditing: Review and inventory lawyer trust account books and records to determine compliance; enter trust account activity into an audit spreadsheet and analyze the results; prepare memoranda summarizing trust account audit findings; and testify at trial in support of trust account audit findings. Audits may include non-trust accounts.
- Litigation: Assist in identifying necessary witnesses and exhibits; prepare exhibit lists and assemble exhibit notebooks; draft affidavits of witnesses; attend pre-hearing meetings and conferences; arrange for service of process; draft discovery requests and responses; and attend and assist at trials.
- Administrative: Respond to telephone inquiries regarding the disciplinary process, lawyer discipline histories and individual complaints and cases; assist with client file and trust account trusteeships; and maintain case list and workload summary.
- In addition, paralegals assist in the administration of one or more of the following non-case related departments: probation; trust account overdraft notification; professional firms; judgments and collection and trusteeships.

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TYPICAL QUALIFICATIONS:

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Certification as a paralegal or possession of an Associate's Degree from an accredited college or university in law, criminal justice, court administration, or a related field
- Experience in a legal setting is required
- Selected candidate will be required to pass a criminal background check

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree in law, criminal justice, court administration, or a related field
- · Three years of legal or court experience

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Knowledge of rules of court, opinions, related case law, state statutes, legal guidelines, and policies and procedures relevant to area of assignment.
- Knowledge of methods and procedures involved in drafting, composing, processing, and reviewing a variety of legal documents.
- Knowledge of modern office practices and procedures.
- Skill in the operation of a personal computer.
- Ability to review information and make determinations of facts and credibility.
- Ability to handle sensitive and confidential matters and files appropriately and in compliance with all applicable court rules, policies, and statutes.
- Ability to read and interpret legal documents of varying types and complexity and apply knowledge of specific laws, statutes, and rules to individual cases.
- Ability to understand and follow instructions.
- Ability to prioritize work in a fast-paced environment.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others within and outside of the Judicial Branch.
- Ability to audit bank accounts.
- Knowledge of, and the ability to assist with, the litigation process.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

SALARY RANGE AND BENEFITS: \$23.77 to \$36.89 per hour. Starting rate depends on qualifications, to a maximum of \$30.33 per hour. Excellent State of Minnesota benefits package. For benefit information, visit https://mn.gov/mmb/seqip

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 27, 2019; 11:59pm

TO APPLY: Apply online at www.mncourts.gov. Include resume and cover letter. If you have any questions, call 651-296-3952.

It is the policy of the Minnesota Judicial Branch that all decisions regarding employment are made without discrimination on the basis of disability. Please let us know if you need a reasonable accommodation for a disability to participate in the employee selection process by contacting HR, daniel.blackburn@courts.state.mn.us

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APPLICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AND FILED ONLINE AT: http://www.mncourts.gov/ ALTERNATIVE FORMAT MAY BE OBTAINED AT: 25 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd St Paul, MN 55155 651/284-3863

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Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility Paralegal Supplemental Questionnaire

☐ Yes ☐ No
* 2. Where did you find / hear about this position?
* 3. Are you a current or former Minnesota Judicial Branch employee?
* Required Question

* 1. Did you attach a resume and cover letter to your application?