

## Position Available

# Staff Attorney



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**Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. (ABLE), a non-profit regional law firm that provides high-quality legal assistance to low-income people and groups in western Ohio, seeks a resourceful, culturally competent, hardworking attorney for its Toledo office who would advocate for systemic changes for children and mental health consumers.**

The Attorney will work with ABLE's Education Practice Group and Housing and Community Economic Development Practice Group providing legal representation to improve conditions that negatively impact low-income consumers of behavioral and mental health and recovery services, including children. The Attorney will work with client groups, community groups, and community behavioral and mental health and recovery agencies, on legal solutions to issues they identify. Goals include ensuring that housing is near supports needed by mental health consumers and that they have access to transportation to get to where they need to go; overcoming or eliminating barriers to housing and employment created as a result of criminal justice system involvement; and improving appropriate consistent supportive services for children with mental health concerns in school and the community. The Attorney will be expected to conduct community legal education (Know Your Rights) presentations to mental health professionals and consumers, work closely with community and parent groups, handle administrative complaints and participate in systemic litigation.

Requirements include:

- Membership in the Ohio Bar. The ideal candidate will have at least two years of legal experience. Attorneys with recent bar admissions are encouraged to apply.
- Excellent legal, communication, leadership, and interpersonal skills
- Familiarity with systemic advocacy and community lawyering
- Ability to relate well with and commitment to providing legal services to people with low incomes

Experience in federal litigation, housing law, zoning law, education law, or poverty law in general is highly preferred. Salary depends on relevant legal experience. Excellent fringe benefits.

**To Apply:** Send resume and cover letter electronically as soon as possible, in Microsoft Word format, to:

Email: [jobs@ablelaw.org](mailto:jobs@ablelaw.org)

Subject: Staff Attorney – Mental Health Impact

ABLE is an Equal Opportunity Employer and places a high value on diversity in our workplace, including diversity in race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and physical ability. We strive to create an environment welcoming to all individuals and we encourage applications from individuals traditionally underrepresented in the legal profession. Equal access to ABLE's office is available. Applicants requiring accommodation to the interview/application process should contact the recruitment coordinator at the address listed above.

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