

The Way to Justice is hiring a contract attorney to staff state-wide vacation of Blake convictions for Possession of Controlled Substance, with a focus on Eastern Washington.

The Way to Justice is a civil legal aid organization located in Spokane, WA. The Way to Justice is fiscally sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center as we await our independent 501 (c)(3) status from the IRS.

The contract attorney will undertake a range of duties including but not limited to:

1. Provide legal advice, education, consultation, assistance to pro se individuals, and representation for qualifying clients.
2. Attend and participate in Blake workgroup meetings, including meetings with members of the Advisory Board.
3. Collaborate with and refer clients to partner organizations, including Washington Defenders, Northwest Justice Project and the Civil Survival Project, as appropriate.
4. File and/or submit appropriate petitions/motions/documents for Blake relief with courts of original jurisdiction.
5. Seek appropriate relief for DOC clients and file motions for resentencing if necessary.
6. Maintain client files, reliable timekeeping and expense records via Legal Server for data collection and grant reporting.
7. Develop and nurture relationships with “by and for” organizations that serve populations that may be affected by Blake.
8. Participate in legal clinics, including “Justice Night” and “Justice Week.”
9. Engage with client communities and conduct legal education events for client groups, social and human services providers, and other stakeholders.
10. Support the work of The Way to Justice and our partners, interns and externs, volunteer lawyers, private attorneys, other legal aid providers, and organizations addressing the legal needs of justice-impacted individuals, and specifically Blake clients.

Qualifications:

- Washington State Bar Association membership in good standing is required
- Knowledge and proficiency of Washington State Law as it pertains to post-conviction relief

- Being willing to travel to jurisdictions across the State of Washington for motions and other hearings
- Commitment to advancing racial equity and experience with incorporating racial equity principles into advocacy and leadership
- Good judgment, ability to handle stress, initiative, and willingness to work as a team
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Demonstrated exceptional relevant work experience as well as a commitment to serving low-income persons and communities of color
- Willingness and ability to engage with the communities to be served with grace and respect
- Language proficiency in a language spoken by our client communities, especially Spanish, is a plus.

One Year Project Based Contract Amount: \$70,000

To Apply: Submit a letter of interest and current resume

Application Deadline: until filled

The Way to Justice values all employees and candidates for employment, and we are committed to a policy of equal opportunity that fosters an environment free of barriers and discriminatory practices. The Way to Justice follows the spirit and intent of federal, state and local employment laws and the Board of Directors and Co-Founders of The Way to Justice will not discriminate against any employee or applicant in a manner that violates the law. The Way to Justice will provide equal employment and advancement opportunities to persons without regard to stereotypes or assumptions about the abilities, traits or performance of individuals by age, gender, gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, religion, race, ethnic group, political ideology, veteran or military status, marital status, pregnancy, families with children, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical abnormality or disability, or any other legally protected class while reinforcing its commitment to basic fairness. People of color, those with lived experiences, people who identify as transgender, lesbian, gay, or bisexual, and those with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.