



GEORGETOWN LAW
HEALTH JUSTICE ALLIANCE

Health Justice Alliance Law Clinic
Deputy Director Position Announcement

The Georgetown University's Health Justice Alliance Law Clinic seeks a Deputy Director to join the teaching, supervisory, and management team of the law clinic, an innovative medical-legal partnership (MLP) through which law and medical students collaborate to address legal barriers to health for low-income D.C. families through civil legal advocacy.

Health Justice Alliance Law Clinic Description

The Health Justice Alliance (HJA) Law Clinic is part of a medical-legal partnership between Georgetown University's Law and Medical Centers. Launched in August 2017, the Law Clinic integrates law students with Georgetown community-based healthcare teams serving low-income families in Washington, D.C. Law students provide civil legal services to address barriers that affect patient health and well-being and affect health inequities, in collaboration with medical students, physicians, and other healthcare providers. Patients at these health clinics face complex, civil legal needs, many of which negatively impact their health and well-being. Among the needs currently being served are those related to housing, public benefits, education, and family law. By partnering directly with medical providers who provide low barrier access to healthcare to high needs families, the HJA Law Clinic offers a unique method for reducing the barriers to justice that often confront people with low income and that contribute to racial and economic health disparities. Medical students rotate into the law clinic and collaborate with law students in providing holistic advocacy to client families.

Description of the Deputy Director Position

The Deputy Director will be an essential member of the HJA Law Clinic's teaching and management team – providing intensive supervision and instruction to law and medical students advocating on behalf of clinic clients in housing, public benefits, education, disability, and family law matters. The Deputy Director will serve as a mentor and role model to law and medical students, including students from historically underrepresented backgrounds, and support the development of law students' lawyering skills and identity using clinical pedagogy approaches. The Deputy Director will share responsibility for designing and teaching law clinic seminar classes and facilitating case rounds.

Additionally, the Deputy Director will work with the HJA Law Clinic's Faculty Director to lead and manage its MLP and law clinic operations. The Deputy Director will serve as a primary point of contact for the HJA Law Clinic's MLP, and will work with the Clinic's Faculty Director in managing partnerships, case referrals, intakes, case management and reporting systems, medical student rotations, interdisciplinary collaboration, and legal advocacy. The Deputy Director will also assist clients directly through legal representation, brief service, and advice, as well as facilitation of referrals to other legal and social services providers. As a member of the Law Clinic's senior management team, the Deputy Director will be involved in managing all aspects of the clinic's operations throughout the year. The

Deputy Director will also collaborate and represent the HJA Law Clinic with a variety of stakeholders across the law school, university, D.C. community, and national MLP, legal services, and clinical communities.

The Deputy Director will be a part of Georgetown Law's top-ranked clinical program, the broader Health Justice Alliance cross-campus initiative, the law school and university's social justice, public interest, and health law and policy programs, and the Georgetown Law and Georgetown University communities. Georgetown is a vibrant institution with a deep commitment to public service and social justice.

Qualifications

Required qualifications include:

- J.D. from an accredited law school and membership or ability to waive into the District of Columbia Bar.
- A minimum of seven to ten years of post-J.D. experience providing legal services to low-income clients (with experience serving low-income clients in two or more of the following areas: housing, public benefits, education, disability, and/or family law).
- Experience supervising attorneys and/or law students in the provision of civil legal services.
- Experience collaborating with non-lawyers in support of legal advocacy.
- Demonstrated commitment to social justice and client-centered legal services.

The ideal candidate will also have:

- Demonstrated ability to communicate with and listen to people from a wide variety of backgrounds.
- Experience practicing law as part of a medical-legal partnership.
- Experience managing an office, partnership, or program.
- Experience teaching and/or supervising students in a law school clinic.
- Demonstrated knowledge of or willingness and aptitude to learn about the legal and social services community and government entities providing support to low-income families in Washington, D.C.
- Experience advocating for law or policy reform to benefit low-income individuals.

Application Instructions:

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and should be submitted no later than Friday April 8, 2022. To submit your application, please upload a letter of interest and a résumé/CV through the [Georgetown University jobs portal](#). Please direct any questions to Eugenia Alvarez, Office Manager for the Health Justice Alliance Law Clinic, at ea661@georgetown.edu.

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