



**Staff Attorney
ABA Commission on Domestic Violence
Washington, DC**

Mission: Founded in 1994, the mission of the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence ("the Commission") is to increase access to justice for victims of domestic violence by mobilizing the legal profession. The Commission addresses the acute need to increase the number of well-trained and supported attorneys providing representation to victims by (1) providing in-person, web-based, and telephonic technical assistance and continuing legal education opportunities for attorneys, law students, and allied legal advocates; (2) advocating for full-funding for the Violence Against Women Act and other federal legislation increasing and improving services and support for victims of domestic violence; (3) collaborating with other ABA entities and national organizations to improve the systemic legal response to domestic violence.

Job Description: The Commission is seeking a full-time Staff Attorney at its Washington, DC office through March 2008 with the possibility of continued funding. As a part of the Commission's Legal Assistance for Victims Grantee Technical Assistance Unit, the Staff Attorney will have responsibility for working in a team to plan, develop and host national multi-day in-person, web-based and telephonic continuing legal education programs for attorneys representing victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking including development of training curricula; identification and recruitment of faculty; development, editing, and publication of written resources; contracting with training sites; registration; on site management of in-person trainings; and supervision of additional staff.

Although this is not a litigation position, the Staff Attorney has the opportunity to create training materials focusing on the development of practical skills needed for attorneys to provide high quality representation to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking in civil protection order cases, custody cases and related civil matters and must have the skills to do so.

Qualifications: Qualified applicants must have a law degree and bar admission in at least one U.S. jurisdiction; at least two years of legal work experience representing victims of domestic violence in civil protection order and family law matters; a commitment to ending domestic violence; the ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing as well as to work with a wide range of people and entities; a sense of humor; and excellent research, writing computer, organizational and interpersonal skills.

It is critical that the Staff Attorney be self-directed, work independently as well as a part of a team, and be capable of managing numerous projects under tight timelines. Previous supervisory experience, experience in conference planning or familiarity with U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women funded programming is a plus. The position requires some travel. Salary will be mid-fifties depending on experience.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and a resume to Robin Runge, Director, runger@staff.abanet.org. Position open until filled. No phone calls please.

The American Bar Association is an Equal Opportunity Employer, M/F/D/V. Women and individuals of color are encouraged to apply.