

**LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR BETTER HOUSING**  
STAFF POSITION  
FOR  
DEFERRED ATTORNEY

Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing has a full-time, 12-month staff position for an attorney seeking a nonprofit placement due to deferral from their law firm.

The individual selected must be a member of the Illinois Bar, or have taken the July 2009 Bar exam, and will join our Affordable Housing Preservation team of two attorneys, student interns, and volunteers.

This position provides legal advocacy, training and representation to tenants in multi-family apartment buildings who face the following issues:

- Building maintenance and safety problems
- Illegal condominium conversions
- Retaliatory eviction and housing discrimination

Reports to: Executive Director

**Responsibilities include:**

Work closely with community and tenant organization groups, providing support and legal strategy to improve sub-standard building conditions and assure that tenant rights are upheld.

Maintain and update client files and databases.

- Participate in bi-weekly LCBH intake meetings.
- Provide referrals and Brief services to tenants within City of Chicago.
- Assist clients with drafting of letters sent to Landlords.
- Conduct negotiations on behalf of tenants with Landlords.
- File complaints, emergency motions, etc. in lock-out cases, utility cases and other civil actions.
- Provide support and occasional representation in eviction cases and/or other assigned cases.
- Initiate and conduct litigation against Landlords who fail to comply with state and local laws governing housing.
- Maintain current knowledge of applicable case law and changes in pertinent areas of the law.
- Serve as counsel or co-counsel on cases as appropriate.
- Train tenants, community groups and tenant advocates on the RLTO, eviction issues, building code standards and condominium law.

- Generate required statistics and reports for funders and agency documents.
- Participate in staff outings and agency-wide projects.

This position has a flexible schedule, with travel to neighborhoods and some evening and weekend hours. Requires an interest in preservation of affordable housing for low-income tenants. Knowledge of the city and neighborhoods a plus.

LCBH will provide training (landlord-tenant law, housing law, foreclosure, fair housing) and travel expenses. Position will receive mentoring and legal supervision from agency Legal Director.

To apply, send resume and cover letter indicating your deferral situation, firm conflict check policy, and Illinois Bar status to [lravizza@lcbh.org](mailto:lravizza@lcbh.org).

Learn more about LCBH at [www.lcbh.org](http://www.lcbh.org)

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