



Tulsa County

Parent Attorney (Contract Position)

The Parent Representation Division of LASO provides interdisciplinary parent defense legal services to indigent parents involved with Tulsa County's child welfare court proceedings.

Our clients face the removal of their children due to concerns of abuse and neglect. Many issues are presented, including substance abuse, domestic violence, poverty, general neglect, medical neglect and mental health.

LASO's Parent Representation Division provides high quality legal representation to indigent clients in child welfare court proceedings to promote timely reunification and preservation of families in a safe, healthy environment.

Responsibilities and Duties:

The independent contract attorney will be responsible for representing parents at all stages of child welfare court proceedings. The position requires court appearances and direct client contact.

Representation includes client interviews, providing ongoing assessments of the merits of cases, conferring with social workers, opposing counsel, and other service providers, appearing at all court hearings, preparing witnesses for trial, participating in mediations and presenting clients' cases to the court during hearings, non-jury trials and jury termination trials.

The attorney will have access to frequent trainings to build legal knowledge, strengthen courtroom skills, and develop a deeper understanding of relevant systemic and social issues.

Desired Qualifications:

- Member in good standing of the State Bar of Oklahoma
- Knowledge and experience of juvenile deprived law preferred
- Experience in courtroom advocacy preferred
- Ability to work compassionately and respectfully with clients in crisis
- High degree of professionalism
- Ability to interact respectfully with judicial officers

- Commitment to public interest issues
- Ability to multi-task and be a productive team player
- Excellent verbal, interpersonal, writing, interviewing, and organizational skills
- Ability to work collaboratively as part of an interdisciplinary team of social workers and parent mentor.

Application Process: Please send cover letter and resume via email to gwendolyn.clegg@laok.org and kim.rebsamen@laok.org

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