

Innocence Network seeks Shaken Baby Syndrome Litigation Fellow

JOB SUMMARY:

The Innocence Network is a formally established group of 66 affiliated members overseen by an elected Board of Directors that is dedicated to exonerating wrongfully convicted people and reforming the criminal justice system to avoid future injustice. The Innocence Network member projects vary in the types of projects they take – while some only take cases where DNA evidence is available, many take non-DNA cases as well. A growing number of cases are now dealing with shaken baby syndrome, where an adult caregiver is convicted of a crime after the death of a child in his or her care, due to the presence of three internal symptoms that doctors once believe could result only from shaking the child.

The Innocence Network is seeking a **Shaken Baby Syndrome Fellow**, who will work with the Innocence Network and its member organizations. This is a three-year fellowship to continue the Innocence Network's existing work in this area. This is a full-time position with occasional travel required in order to attend conferences, meetings, and hearings, and possibly to assist other network projects litigating relevant cases. While this position has a nationwide focus, the fellow will be housed at the Innocence Project of Wisconsin's office at the University of Wisconsin Law School, will have legal work supervised by the Co-Director of the Wisconsin Innocence Project, and will report to the Innocence Network Program Coordinator.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Coordinate the discussion and development of SBS litigation strategies among Innocence Network member organizations;
- Continually monitor current medical research related to SBS cases;
- Consult with relevant experts to determine the legal implications of new research;
- Develop and maintain accessible libraries of model motions, cross-examination strategies, legal and medical research publications, transcripts of expert testimony, and other litigation documents in response to ongoing legal and medical developments, and share the strategies and documents with Innocence Network members and other attorneys assisting individuals accused or convicted of SBS-related offenses;
- Coordinate national strategy for developing and advancing policies to minimize the risks of wrongful convictions based on flawed SBS theories.

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE:

- Familiarity with Shaken Baby Syndrome litigation
- 4 to 6 years of criminal defense litigation experience preferred
- Currently admitted to one or more state bars

KEY COMPETENCIES:

- Remains organized amidst multiple, competing demands;
- Relates well to different types of people;
- Works with multidisciplinary staff in a collaborative and fast paced setting;
- Has ability and willingness to travel;
- Keeps a sense of humor throughout.

COMPENSATION:

The salary is competitive and the position offers great benefits.

HOW TO APPLY:

Please email a brief cover letter, resume, and two writing samples to: with "SBS Fellowship" in the subject line to https://doi.org/no.conceptoject.org. All .zip file attachments will be deleted without being read. No phone calls, please. Visa sponsorship is not available for this position.

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