

AUCKLAND COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR A DIRECTOR/MANAGER AND SUPERVISING LAWYER

The Auckland Community Law Centre, now located in the inner city, has a long history and deserved reputation for delivering quality legal assistance to the many who are not eligible for legal aid, but cannot afford private legal fees.

It is staffed by seven full-time lawyers, three administration support staff, funded by Ministry of Justice and supported by volunteer lawyer supervisors.

It operates a busy triage programme in response to phoned requests for legal assistance and staffed by senior law students on rotation. Any additional assistance needed is undertaken by the permanent staff. There is a strong staff culture of social justice and supportive interaction.

The Centre is looking for a person with sufficient legal experience to provide leadership and guidance for the permanent staff lawyers and overall supervision of all staff. Also, most importantly, that applicant must have proven management experience.

The Centre has a high-functioning Board comprising practising lawyers and community representatives, and the position reports directly to the Board. The role requires stakeholder relations with the Ministry of Justice, Community Law Centres o Aotearoa and other community law centres, as well as working with senior members of the profession on the future of access to justice, including the judiciary, regulators, professional associations and policy makers.

This position would best fit an experienced practitioner with a practising certificate who has had a successful role in the management of a firm. The division of legal and management roles is expected to be about even and could for example suit someone who is looking to scale back from the demands of private practice. This is a rare and special opportunity: the role is varied and dynamic; the organisational culture is supportive. This is your opportunity to practise law in a highly rewarding and meaningful way.

Please respond in writing to jo@aclc.org.nz.