

Temporary Legal Research Consultant to Support FAMM's Cutting Edge State Nursing Home Project

FAMM is a nonpartisan, nonprofit sentencing and corrections reform organization whose mission is to create a more fair and effective justice system that respects our American values of individual accountability and dignity while keeping our communities safe.

FAMM's Office of General Counsel seeks a temporary research attorney to support our state Nursing Home Project. The research attorney will review state statutes, administrative law, and other authorities that bar or inhibit nursing homes from accepting currently or formerly incarcerated patients. The research will focus on a minimum of three states that host FAMM compassionate release clearinghouses. This research project is one of the first of its kind.

Background: FAMM works to improve compassionate release processes and outcomes across the states and federal government. Forty-nine states, the federal government, and the District of Columbia have mechanisms that permit early release from prison for individuals who are severely disabled, gravely ill, advanced in years, and/or near death, among other reasons. FAMM maintains in-depth memos outlining compassionate release programs in every state and the District of Columbia to ensure that those who most need the information have access to it. FAMM also manages clearinghouses for compassionate release at the federal level and in five states. We recruit pro bono lawyers and provide strategic support to the attorneys to help incarcerated people secure early release from prison.

We have learned that individuals who are eligible for compassionate release are routinely denied early release because they have nowhere to go. Many of these individuals need placement in a nursing home, but most nursing homes deny them admission due to their incarceration status. The FAMM Nursing Home Project seeks to uncover the reasons nursing homes are reluctant to admit patients from incarceration and develop proposed interventions. Identifying these barriers to admission, including legal barriers, will help

FAMM devise targeted interventions to ensure that no eligible incarcerated person is denied release because they have nowhere to go.

Qualifications: This opportunity is well suited to an attorney **with experience drafting and/or analyzing regulations and legislation.** The ideal candidate will be highly organized, detail-oriented, and possess excellent research and writing skills.

The position is a temporary contract position and will be open until filled. The consultant can work from our office in Washington, D.C. but need not do so. Compensation will depend on experience.

Candidates should apply by sending a letter of interest to Jobs@famm.org addressing this position and include a resume and short writing sample. **Please note: applications that do not include a letter of interest or writing sample will not be considered.**