

Role Asylum Lawyer
Start date ASAP
Organisation European Lawyers in Lesvos (www.elil.eu)
Location Samos, Greece
Working hours Full-time (09.00 – 17.00 Monday – Friday)



Background

«European Lawyers in Lesvos – ELIL» has been present in Greece since 2016, aiming to provide legal assistance to applicants of international protection. The NGO is registered in Greece and in Germany and was founded in 2016 by the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) and the German Bar Association (DAV) and is now also supported by the French Bar Association (CNB). These organisations represent the bars and law societies of 45 European member, associate and observer countries, and through them more than 1 million European lawyers.

ELIL was inspired by belief in the fundamental importance of upholding the rule of law, protecting human rights and ensuring meaningful access to legal assistance.

Our team of Greek asylum lawyers and volunteer asylum lawyers from other European countries, provides free, independent legal assistance to asylum seekers in Greece since 2016.

Our main activity is the provision of one-on-one legal consultations to prepare asylum seekers for their asylum interview. We also help reunite families by assisting with family reunification applications and assist unaccompanied minors (interview preparation, family reunification and age assessment).

We are looking to recruit a committed and experienced asylum lawyer to join our team on Samos.

Role

The start date for this role is May 2024 and it is a full-time position (Monday-Friday, 09:00-17:00).

The role reports to the Legal Coordinator.

Role responsibilities

- Providing individual legal assistance, counselling, information and, where applicable, representation for asylum seekers, including for unaccompanied minors
- Researching and drafting submissions in support of asylum seekers' applications for international protection, where applicable
- Assisting with family reunification applications
- Responsibility for an interesting and varied case load
- Developing and maintaining good relations with applicants for international protection, relevant stakeholders and other actors
- Representing ELIL in legal aid/protection coordination meetings, as required
- Outreach activities, as required

Skills and experience required

- Law degree and registration with a Greek Bar Association
- Detailed knowledge of Greek asylum law and relevant Greek asylum procedures
- Excellent verbal and written English and Greek skills
- Excellent drafting, analytical and communication skills
- At least one year experience of practising asylum law, preferably with experience of working for an international organisation or INGO/NGO
- Experience of providing face-to-face legal assistance in a humanitarian/emergency context, preferably including to unaccompanied minors

- Drivers license (type B)
- Ability to adapt to a changing legal, humanitarian/emergency-response environment
- Ability to work in a fast-paced, multicultural environment and to cope with competing demands under tight deadlines
- Excellent interpersonal and teamwork skills and experience of establishing good working relationships with a variety of people of different nationalities
- Capable of being proactive and working independently
- Passionate about supporting the rights of refugees and migrants
- Culturally sensitive
- High professional ethics

To apply for this role, please send a CV and cover letter in English by email to the Project Manager, Tereza Mimikou (vacancies@elil.eu).

Applications will be processed as they come, and the position maybe filled before the above deadline. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. All applications will be treated with strict confidentiality.