



TITLE: Staff Attorney

MAJOR PURPOSE OF POSITION

The Brooklyn Office for the Aging of the Civil Practice has an opening for a staff attorney to provide legal assistance in the housing area. The position involves the handling of a broad range of civil legal services for senior citizens, with an emphasis on housing (especially Rent Control and government housing subsidy issues) and government benefits (such as Social Security/SSI disability and non-disability issues, Medicaid, Medicare, home care, SCRIE, public assistance, protective services for adults) as well as family law, consumer law, guardianship defense and advance directives.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES

- Client representation in City, State and federal court proceedings, administrative hearings and affirmative litigation in the housing area.
- Client representation and advocacy with local, State and federal agencies
- Home visits to homebound seniors
- Training, community outreach and education for individuals, local community based organizations, and the elderly at senior citizen centers
- Policy advocacy on behalf of clients

SECONDARY DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES

- Other duties as assigned

TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience preferred and favorable consideration will be given to attorneys who have familiarity with elder law issues
- Excellent written and oral advocacy skills are required
- The candidate must be able to work independently as well as collaboratively in a team and manage a high volume of cases
- Understanding of and sensitivity to the needs of mentally and physically impaired elderly clients is required
- This position may require home visits to homebound clients, off-site intake and evening hours
- Good organizational skills
- Proficiency in languages other than English is desirable, but not required

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