



**TITLE:** Prison Advocacy Staff Attorney

**MAJOR PURPOSE OF POSITION**

The Criminal Practice of the Legal Aid Society has a temporary opening for an attorney to do cutting edge habeas corpus and Article 78 work challenging prison disciplinary determinations and other regulatory deprivations of the rights of individual prisoners. The staff attorney will handle the "Writ Calendar" at Rikers Island Judicial Center representing inmates on their pro se Petitions will file amended Petitions in appropriate cases and can organize and direct test case, and affirmative litigation surrounding issues of prison discipline and classifications.

The Attorney will work with the assistance of the Special Litigation Unit and the Prisoners' Rights Project and will work with an experienced paralegal. The attorney will be based in both Rikers Island and New York County.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Responsible for handling all case appearances, motion practice, negotiations and hearings in their cases;
- Direct investigations

**SECONDARY DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Other duties as assigned

**TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS**

- Strong writing skills
- Broad knowledge of Criminal Law and strong Constitutional and Civil rights background necessary
- Knowledge of habeas and Article 78 Practice and prison disciplinary rules and process a plus
- Interest in civil rights and the ability to work independently
- Access to an automobile is a plus

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