

Litigation Staff Attorney - The Safe Center LI, Inc.

(TSCLI) is a new not-for-profit created through the merger of the Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Coalition Against Child Abuse & Neglect. It is the only agency in Nassau County to provide comprehensive services to all victims of domestic violence, child abuse, trafficking, and sexual assault - women, men, children, elderly and transgender - all under one roof. Our mission is "To protect, assist and empower victims of family violence and sexual assault while challenging and changing social systems that tolerate and perpetuate abuse: Restoring hope to victims of abuse."

The Legal Services Center of The Safe Center provides direct comprehensive legal representation and advocacy to low-income and indigent domestic violence victims and survivors of domestic/dating violence, rape/sexual abuse, stalking, trafficking, and elder abuse in family offense proceeding, paternity, custody/visitation cases, child/spousal support, divorces, immigration proceedings, and other legal matters arising out of the abuse.

Position Description

The Legal Services Center is seeking a full time litigation staff attorney who is committed to the Center's mission and work. The attorney will provide comprehensive, holistic, direct civil legal services to victims and survivors of domestic/dating abuse, rape/sexual assault, elder abuse, and/or stalking. The attorney will work as part of our legal services team, assisting advocates, counselors, and pro bono attorneys. The position entails extensive advocacy and litigation, including motion practice and trials, in the Family and Supreme Courts, and immigration courts.

Duties include direct legal representation, and some community outreach, particularly in the immigrant Latino communities. The range of legal services provided for domestic violence victims runs the spectrum from legal information, referrals, advice, brief services, advocacy and negotiation, to full representation in litigated court matters and appearances in all courts including immigration court.

The attorney will also collect, report and maintain statistical records. Requirements include: knowledge women's rights and violence against women (domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking); an ability to write and speak persuasively; an ability to perform creative legal research and advocacy; a commitment to collaborative cross cultural work; and the ability to work well with people in diverse settings.

Qualifications

- Admitted member in good standing of the New York State Bar
- 2-4 years of prior legal experience, including litigation and trial practice. Family Law and/or Immigration practice preferred
- An extensive understanding of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, crime victimization and resulting trauma, knowledge of victims' rights and remedies, and cultural sensitivity and diversity is also required.
- Demonstrated commitment to public interest law
- Must have valid driver's license and use of a vehicle

- English/Spanish bilingual
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Proficient computer skills, specifically in Abacus, Word and Excel
- Applicants must have excellent public speaking skills, research, writing, and analytical skills, organizational, planning and time management skills, as well as the ability to work independently, cooperatively, and under pressure.

Salary is commensurate with experience. We offer a good benefits package. Strong interpersonal skills are a must. We are an equal opportunity employer and encourage all qualified applicants to apply.

The Safe Center's services are available for all persons regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, marital status, disability, or age.

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