

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: STAFF ATTORNEY, COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Queens Legal Services (QLS) seeks to hire a staff attorney to help expand its community economic development work. This is a new position within QLS's Homeowner & Consumer Rights Project, whose mission is to pursue economic justice for Queens residents through zealous and strategic advocacy. HCRP currently assists homeowners facing foreclosure, victims of fair housing discrimination and consumer debtors who have been victims of predatory lending. The community economic development position will focus on building wealth in communities of color and low-income communities to create more inclusive economies, maintain affordable communities, and promote models for community participation in local economies. The attorney will be expected to work closely with community-based groups and local organizations and to provide representation and policy advocacy as appropriate. The position will require extensive travel within Queens and evening hours as appropriate to connect with community-based groups. In addition, we seek candidates with the following:

- A demonstrated passion for social justice and commitment to working with low-income communities and communities of color to advance equality;
- Excellent analytical and writing skills;
- Experience in housing, landlord/tenant and/or related advocacy;
- Excellent writing, communication, time management and oral presentation skills;
- Fluency or strong working ability in Spanish, Bengali, Mandarin, Korean or Hindi is highly desirable;
- Enthusiasm for partnering with community-based advocates and organizations; and
- Experience working with diverse communities.

About Us. QLS seeks equal access to justice for all low-income residents of Queens through a range of legal advocacy, education and community partnerships. We provide free legal counseling, representation and referrals in civil matters to eligible low-income individuals and families, and we work with our clients and partners to identify and address root causes for systemic inequalities in Queens and throughout New York City. QLS is an equal opportunity employer and an organization committed to race, gender and economic justice in our work and within our workplace. Our staff are members of the LSSA/NOLSW UAW Local 2320. We welcome and encourage applications from candidates of color, women, people with disabilities, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. QLS is a part of the Legal Services NYC network and provides competitive salary and benefits.

Interested candidates should **email** a cover letter, resume and writing sample with the Subject Line: Community Economic Development to jobs@queenslegalservices.org.

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