
POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT (JULY 2017)

STAFF ATTORNEY POSITION (BATH, NY)

The Bath office of Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.® (LawNY®) has an immediate opening for a full time Staff Attorney to provide legal advice and representation to survivors of domestic violence on a range of civil legal issues, including orders of protection, custody, support, housing, public benefits, employment, health, education and consumer law. This work involves close coordination with the local domestic violence services agency, as well as with the local multi-disciplinary Domestic Abuse Response Team. The position is funded in part by a Risk Reduction Civil Legal Assistance Program grant from the New York State Office for Prevention of Domestic Violence and will focus on cases which have been identified as high-risk. The position will also involve representation of low-income clients on civil legal issues.

LawNY® is a not-for-profit organization which provides civil legal services to low-income clients in a fourteen-county region in western New York State. The Bath office serves Steuben and Allegany Counties and is located in the southern Finger Lakes region, just 7 miles south of Keuka Lake. The office provides legal advice and representation in the areas of housing, public benefits, family, employment, consumer, health and education. LawNY® practices in a wide variety of courts, including justice court, state and county court, bankruptcy court and federal court, as well as administrative agency proceedings. Program staff includes attorneys and paralegals who work across areas of specialization to bring a holistic approach to addressing issues affecting our clients and communities. LawNY® focuses on meeting the legal needs of individual clients, as well as addressing systemic problems that create barriers for clients living in poverty.

Requirements: Applicants should have relevant legal experience and a demonstrated commitment to working with survivors of domestic violence and low-income families and individuals, as well as excellent oral and written communication skills. Applicants must be admitted to the New York State Bar. A practice order may be obtained for up to 18 months for law school graduates or attorneys admitted to practice in another state.

Salary: Dependent on experience. The entry level annual salary for a newly admitted attorney with no practice experience is \$46,500. LawNY® provides an excellent health, disability and benefits package.

Applicants should submit a cover letter describing qualifications, resume, writing sample and the name and contact information for three references by **August 14, 2017** to ensure full consideration. Applications will be accepted beyond that date until the position is filled. The position begins **October 2, 2017**. Applications should be addressed to Amy L. Christensen, Deputy Director, and sent to the following e-mail address: lawnyapplications@lawny.org.

Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc.® (LawNY) is an equal opportunity employer. LawNY encourages applications from diverse candidates. LawNY welcomes applications regardless of race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or any other consideration protected by law. This position is considered exempt pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act.