

**Staten Island Legal Services
Job Announcement:
Staff Attorney, Homeowner Defense Project**

Staten Island Legal Services (“SILS”), **which is across the street from the ferry**, is part of Legal Services NYC, the largest provider of free civil legal services in the country. SILS provides high-quality, innovative representation to Staten Island’s low-income residents with pressing legal needs related to access to education, civil rights and language access, family law and domestic violence, foreclosure prevention and homeowner rights, eviction prevention and tenants’ rights, immigration and immigrants’ rights, and LGBTQ advocacy.

Staten Island has changed dramatically over the past twenty years. Significantly, poverty in Staten Island has increased by 90%, and it has a rapidly growing immigrant population. Staten Island is the only borough with no public hospital or extensive subway system, and it has five times the city’s average rate of death from drug overdoses. In response to Staten Island’s growing poverty and legal needs, SILS has expanded from having a staff of four when we opened in 2004 to now having a staff of over 30.

SILS seeks a Staff Attorney for its Homeowner Defense Project (“HDP”), which consists of four attorneys and two paralegals. SILS launched its HDP in 2006 to stem the foreclosure crisis sparked by predatory and discriminatory mortgage lending. SILS is the only agency located in Staten Island that provides comprehensive free legal representation and advocacy to low- and middle-income homeowners victimized by predatory lending, abusive loan servicing practices, other bank misconduct, or in distress resulting from tax/water/homeowner association/condo liens. Through a combination of federal and state litigation, policy advocacy, negotiation, and community education, SILS’ HDP is one of the most effective programs in the state, achieving affordable, long-term homeownership for its clients, and actively fighting for fair lending and financial justice.

The ideal candidate for this Staff Attorney position will be passionate about and committed to high quality legal work in the areas of foreclosure prevention and bank misconduct, and will also be interested in expanding the HDP’s work in areas such as bankruptcy, consumer and elder law.

Requirements:

- Admission to New York Bar;
- Over two years of advocacy and litigation experience in areas such as foreclosure prevention, consumer justice, fair housing, civil rights, economic justice, and/or bankruptcy preferred;
- Knowledge of and passion for foreclosure prevention and lien/mortgage issues preferred;
- Experience with community engagement and outreach preferred;
- Excellent writing, communication, advocacy, multi-tasking, and organizational skills; and
- Demonstrated commitment to social justice and working with low-income clients and communities of color.

Interested individuals should e-mail a cover letter, resume, and recent writing sample with the subject line “**SILS HDP Attorney**” to: silshiring@lsnyc.org.

Benefits and salary are determined by the Legal Services-NYC Collective Bargaining Agreement. SILS is an equal opportunity employer and an organization committed to race, gender and economic justice in our work and within our workplace. We welcome and encourage applications from candidates of color, women, people with disabilities, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, and people of all ages.

Only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted. No telephone calls please.

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