



MANHATTAN LEGAL SERVICES seeks a staff attorney for its Disability Advocacy Project (DAP) to represent disabled low- income clients. This office is part of Legal Services NYC (LSNYC), the largest provider of free civil legal services for low-income people in the country. We are dedicated to fighting poverty by providing high quality legal services in areas such as housing, family law, public benefits, employment, consumer, education, immigration and disability rights, with special units serving particular vulnerable populations including domestic violence victims and people with HIV. We are also committed to working in partnership with community-based organizations.

As part of DAP, the attorney will represent low income clients who suffer from physical and/or mental impairments in their federal disability claims at the administrative level and the Federal Court level. The attorney will also work with other MLS and LSNYC experts to arrange and provide community education and, engage in public policy advocacy as well as affirmative litigation designed to assert the rights of people living with disabilities.

Responsibilities include interviewing clients; providing legal advice and counseling; case investigation; drafting legal documents; direct representation of clients in administrative proceedings, Civil Court, Supreme Court and Federal Court; and working with community groups to coordinate and engage in outreach and education. In addition, the applicant may be responsible for public policy advocacy and identifying and working to change systemic issues which adversely impact our clients.

Applicants must have a J.D. from an accredited law school, excellent advocacy, litigation, writing and leadership skills and be able to communicate effectively with individuals from diverse backgrounds and conduct community outreach in low-income neighborhoods. Demonstrated commitment to social justice, diversity, equity and inclusion, public interest law, and proficiency in Spanish or Chinese preferred. Salary is determined by a collective bargaining agreement based on year of graduation.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, writing sample and three references by email to jobpostingsmls@mls.ls-nyc.org.

Manhattan Legal Services is an Equal Opportunity Employer. People of color, women, people with disabilities, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and persons over 40 are welcome and are encouraged to apply.

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