



**IMMEDIATE JOB OPENING
QUEENS LEGAL SERVICES SEEKS A STAFF ATTORNEY
FOR ITS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FAMILY LAW ADVOCACY PROJECT**

Queens Legal Services seeks a full time staff attorney to join our Domestic Violence Family Law Advocacy Project (DVFLAP) in our vibrant community-based civil legal advocacy organization in Queens. The position is available immediately.

About Us

Founded in 1967, 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 involving the essentials of life including housing, public and disability benefits, domestic violence prevention, consumer and homeowner protections, access to education and employment rights to eligible low-income individuals and families. We work with our clients and partners to identify and address root causes for systemic inequalities in Queens and throughout New York City. We provide civil legal services from our Community Law Center (Center) in Jamaica and at the Queens Family Justice Center (QFJC) where we are the founding on-site community partner. We are part of a network of local programs that make up Legal Services NYC (LSNYC), the largest free civil legal services provider in the United States.

DVFLAP is an interdisciplinary team of attorneys, paralegals, and social workers whose mission is to provide holistic and culturally competent services to enable victims of intimate partner violence to live free of abuse and violence. Our attorneys provide direct legal representation to domestic violence survivors in all types of family law matters and some immigration matters. DVFLAP staff conducts borough-wide outreach and community education workshops related to domestic violence. DVFLAP staff are actively involved in community task forces and working groups and advocate on systemic and macro levels for policy changes to advance economic, racial, and gender justice for survivors of intimate partner violence.

Responsibilities

The attorney will represent survivors of domestic violence in Family Court, Supreme Court and the Integrated Domestic Violence Part of Criminal Court in a range of family law matters including family offense, child custody and visitation cases, child and spousal support matters, and divorce proceedings. The attorney will also work on cases involving identity theft, cyber abuse, stalking, and revenge porn.

Additional responsibilities include off-site legal clinics, community outreach and education with our community-based partners. The attorney will be expected to develop effective partnerships to better serve our diverse client population. They will work closely with QLS social workers and with community agency

advocates to provide comprehensive, culturally sensitive representation. The attorney may be expected to work evening hours.

Experience and Qualifications

We seek an attorney admitted to the New York State Bar with:

- A demonstrated passion for social justice and commitment to working with diverse, low-income communities and communities of color to advance equity;
- Experience working as part of an interdisciplinary team strongly preferred;
- Advocacy experience in areas relevant to family law, domestic violence, immigrants' rights, civil rights and/or economic justice;
- Experience working with domestic violence survivors strongly preferred;
- Excellent analytical, research, and writing skills;
- Strong interpersonal, communication, time management and oral presentation skills;
- Enthusiasm for partnering with community-based advocates and organizations;
- A facility working with software technology and basic knowledge of current technology in a law practice;
- Experience with LegalServer or other case management systems (preferred); and
- Fluency or strong working ability in Spanish, Mandarin, Korean, Hindi, Urdu or Bengali strongly preferred.

How to Apply

Applicants should email a cover letter, resume, names of three references and two recent writing samples to jobs@queenslegalservices.org. Please write "DVFLAP OVS Staff Attorney" in the subject line of the email. Only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted. No telephone calls please.

Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience (determined by the Collective Bargaining Agreement). Benefits include excellent health and dental insurance, an employer contribution to a pre-tax 403(b) pension plan, and generous leave time.

QLS is an equal opportunity employer. It is an organization committed to race, gender and economic justice in our work and within our workplace. QLS staff are members of the LSSA/NOLSW UAW Local 2320. People of color, women, people with disabilities, gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people, and people over the age of 40 are welcome and encouraged to apply.

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