



Notice of Immediate Job Opening

STAFF ATTORNEY, DISABILITY ADVOCACY PROJECT

Project Description

Legal Services NYC-Bronx seeks a Staff Attorney for its Disability Advocacy Project. The DAP Project assists low-income residents of The Bronx seeking federal disability benefits based on mental and/or physical disabilities. We assist clients with case development and represent them in administrative hearings, appeals, and collateral issues which arise after an award of benefits. We also work with community partner organizations in identifying and resolving systemic barriers to obtaining disability benefits.

Legal Services NYC-Bronx is a constituent of Legal Services NYC, the largest provider of free civil legal service in the country. We provide high quality legal services to resolve those problems which have the greatest impact on low-income New Yorkers, namely affordable and decent housing, income support, abusive lending and consumer practices, family stability, domestic violence, and the disabled. We bring significant financial resources to a desperately poor and under-served community, promoting the health and stability of the neighborhoods we serve.

Duties and Responsibilities

The staff attorney will be responsible for advocacy, litigation, and community outreach in The Bronx. The staff attorney will appear in administrative proceedings before the Social Security Administration and in appeals to federal district court. The advocate will investigate and develop disability claims, evaluate the merits, prepare clients to testify at hearings, advocate at hearings including direct examination of clients and cross examination of experts, and prepare written arguments and memoranda of law. The advocate will also collaborate with other partners or community groups to create and shape public policy advocacy.

Experience and Qualifications

Applicants should have a demonstrated commitment to public interest law, excellent legal research and writing skills, and strong verbal communications skills. Applicants should be able to communicate effectively with individuals from diverse backgrounds and be able to conduct outreach events in low-income neighborhoods. J.D. from an accredited law school and admission to the New York State bar or eligibility for admission are required.

How to Apply

To apply, send a cover letter, resume, at least one recent writing sample and the names of three references via e-mail to Sandra Sanchez, ssanchez@lsnyc.org.

The e-mail should include “**Staff Attorney, Disability Advocacy Project**” in the subject line.

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

Bronx Legal Services is an equal opportunity employer. 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. Bronx Legal Services is an organization committed to race, gender and economic justice in our work and within our workplace. Bronx Legal Services is a part of the Legal Services NYC network and provides competitive salary and benefits in accordance with the Legal Services NYC Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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