



Bronx Legal Services seeks applicants to sponsor for fellowships beginning Fall 2020.

Bronx Legal Services, the Bronx office of Legal Services NYC, is the largest provider of free civil legal services in the borough, and the largest single legal services office in New York City. Our mission is to advance society's promise to its most vulnerable members that all are entitled to equal access to justice through our legal system. **Specifically, we are seeking fellowship applicants for Skadden, Equal Justice Works, Kirkland & Ellis and other outside funded fellowships for our Economic Justice, Family and Immigration, Foreclosure, LGBTQ Advocacy and Public Benefits Units.**

Our Economic Justice Unit advocates for workers' rights in the workplace, and represents individuals seeking unemployment benefits. In addition we assist consumers with a range of debt collection issues in and out of court, including student loans, nursing home and medical debt, credit card debt. We represent low-income taxpayers in federal and related state tax disputes, ensuring they receive credits they are entitled to, relieving them from collection efforts and penalties, or helping them achieve affordable payment plans. The Unit also helps seniors over the age of 60 prepare wills, health care proxies, and powers of attorney. We defend seniors facing issues with home health care, Medicaid and Medicare, nursing home problems, disability, public benefits, consumer law problems, SCRIE, elder abuse. As well, our Unit represents low-income disabled children and adults in federal disability benefits applications and in cessation hearings.

Our Family and Immigration Unit is engaged in individual and systemic advocacy regarding intimate partner violence, sexual assault, elder abuse and other forms of violence in a wide range of family and immigration matters, including orders of protection, custody/visitation, child/spousal support, U & T nonimmigrant status, VAWA, SIJS, and asylum. It also does work regarding family-based immigration applications and naturalizations, trying to keep children out of the foster care system, family reunification, and supporting employment by clearing records of maltreatment with the New York State Central Registry.

Our Foreclosure Unit works to stem the tide of foreclosures brought on by the historic foreclosure crisis of the last decade. Many Bronx communities of color have been targeted with abusive mortgages while disproportionately being denied conventional mortgages and other financial services. Through litigation, representation in court settlement conferences and non-litigation advocacy outside of court, the Foreclosure Prevention unit seeks to end these abusive practices while remediating the legacy of predatory lending in the Bronx by transforming these mortgages into affordable loans that preserve homeownership and retain wealth in the form of home equity.



Our LGBTQ Advocacy Project handles individual cases and identifies systemic issues affecting these communities. We handle a wide variety of matters in a general practice model including immigration, public benefits, family, divorce, domestic/intimate partner violence, health, and education matters. Our Project coordinates with LSNYC's Citywide LGBTQIH Project and works closely with CBOs throughout the City who work with LGBTQ-identified people.

Our Public Benefits Unit represents clients challenging denials or reductions of public assistance, Medicaid, home care, and SNAP benefits. It represents clients in administrative Fair Hearings and appeals in Supreme Court Article 78 proceedings. We also pursue affirmative litigation to challenge systemic barriers that prevent or limit access to benefits by working people, the disabled, and individuals requiring language access.

Interested individuals should send a cover letter, a resume, two writing samples, and three references to:

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