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OPPORTUNITY
ANNOUNCEMENT
STATE OF NEW YORK
UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM

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ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 52114**

The Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, is currently seeking applications for an attorney in the Court's Mental Hygiene Legal Service. The position will be filled in one of the following titles dependent upon the qualifications and experience of the applicant selected. Applicants should specify the position title or titles for which they wish to be considered.

POSITION TITLE: ATTORNEY **JG: 23**

BASE SALARY: \$74,478 + \$4,300 LOCATION PAY

QUALIFICATIONS: Admission to the New York State bar

A vehicle is not required for this office. However, to be qualified for this position, you must agree to have a valid driver's license and a properly registered automobile for use in performing official duties away from your assigned station should you be reassigned to a different MHLS office.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:

Under direct supervision, Attorneys serve in a confidential capacity and research legal questions and issues, prepare cases for administrative proceedings and litigation in the courts, and perform other related duties. Attorneys provide legal research and advocacy services in the Mental Hygiene Legal Services, attorney disciplinary committees, 18B panel administration, or other such units.

POSITION TITLE: SENIOR ATTORNEY **JG: 26**

BASE SALARY: \$87,520 + \$4,300 LOCATION PAY

QUALIFICATIONS: Admission to the New York State bar and two (2) years of service in the Attorney title; **or** equivalent legal experience

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DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:

With substantial independence from supervision, Senior Attorneys serve in a confidential capacity and research legal questions and issues, organize investigations, prepare and present cases before administrative tribunals and courts, and perform other related duties. Senior Attorneys provide legal research and advocacy services in the Mental Hygiene Legal Service, attorney disciplinary committees, 18B panel administration, or other such units. They may also oversee a departmental law guardian program.

LOCATION: Mental Hygiene Legal Service
Kings County

CLASSIFICATION: Non-Competitive/Confidential

ASSIGNMENT: MHLS attorneys provide legal representation to individuals with mental or developmental disabilities. They regularly appear in the New York courts in difficult cases concerning involuntary hospitalization, psychiatric treatment and guardianship. This position involves frequent fieldwork, including meeting with clients at psychiatric hospitals, other facilities or private residences. MHLS attorneys advocate informally on behalf of clients and represent them at administrative hearings. Finally, this position may involve representing clients in complex cases brought under New York's sex offender civil management laws. Some litigation experience is preferred, but not required.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by persons assigned to this title. They do not include all job duties performed by employees in the title, and every position does not necessarily require these duties. Although a position is available and situated at a specific location, the appointee may be subject to reassignment to any position in the same title in this promotion unit dependent upon the needs of the Unified Court System. All applications received from this announcement may be used to fill any vacancies in this title that may occur in this court or agency within the next six (6) months. Position(s) available at the present time: 1.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: All interested persons meeting the minimum qualifications are encouraged to submit a UCS-5 Application for Employment form (obtainable from any administrative office in a court building or on the web at www.nycourts.gov/careers/UCS5.pdf) and a resume to:

Michael Neville, Director
Mental Hygiene Legal Service
600 Old Country Road, Suite 224
Garden City, NY 11530

[APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE THE EEO DATA COLLECTION FORM.](#)

New hires must be fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus by the date of hire, unless granted a reasonable accommodation due to disability or religion.

POSTING DATE: September 24, 2021 **APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED OR RECEIVED BY:** October 22, 2021

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