



## Summer 2017 Internship Opportunities

### ► Consumer and Economic Advocacy Program

The Consumer and Economic Advocacy Program (Foreclosure/ Bankruptcy) of Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) seeks law student interns who are interested in working with us during the Summer of 2017 to provide legal support, representation, and advice to individuals involved in foreclosures and potential bankruptcies from communities primarily based in Brooklyn, but also throughout New York City.

Applications will be accepted by e-mail only, directed to [internships@bka.org](mailto:internships@bka.org), and should include a cover letter, resume, unofficial law school transcript, and brief writing sample. Please write "Foreclosure/ Bankruptcy Program Legal Internship" in the subject line of the e-mail.

The Foreclosure/ Bankruptcy Program's legal work involves, but is not limited to:

- **Home foreclosure support**, especially for those in danger of homelessness
- Eviction defense and monitoring of the foreclosure process to ensure that the procedure is fair and the law is appropriately followed and applied
- Assistance to homeowners in settlement conferences in helping to renegotiate the terms of loans
- Provision of intervention services to avoid imminent loss of home
- Honest and unbiased advising on retention of the home
- Assistance to homeowners in analyzing mortgages and other legal documents to determine appropriate legal defenses and counterclaims
- Protection from **predatory loan practices**,
- Representing homeowners in defining foreclosures that are a result of predatory lending
- Commencing affirmative litigation challenging predatory lending practices, mortgage fraud, and housing discrimination
- Investigating lenders, real estate brokers and other advertising heavily in majority-minority communities through posters and transit ads in order to determine the nature of services offered
- Exposing deceptive advertising and inducement meant to facilitate cases of lending and housing fraud
- **Bankruptcy/debt relief**
- Increasing awareness about **unfair sales practices**
- **Loan modifications (In Bankruptcy/Foreclosures)**
- **Reviewing and prepping Bankruptcy cases for stay and discharge violations.**

Brooklyn A represents clients in cases that have the greatest impact on their ability to secure and maintain safe and affordable housing. We perform detailed intake and assessment on clients in the midst of the foreclosure process as well as those in danger of foreclosure. Attorneys in the foreclosure defense program provide advice, counsel and representation to hundreds of homeowners each year.

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Once working with individuals, we may evaluate cases for discrimination if such a claim is made, and litigate these cases for individuals experiencing prohibited discrimination. Brooklyn A may also bring affirmative litigation on behalf of cooperative owners on the verge of having their homes sold by preventing scheduled sales through injunctions. We are therefore able to combine expertise in foreclosure and cooperative law, a rarity in that most other foreclosure advocates are often inexperienced in cooperative law.

Brooklyn A is currently one of the few not-for-profits in the country handling from inception to end in-depth and complex Chapter 13 and Chapter 11 bankruptcies. Interns will be exposed and learn complex federal bankruptcy laws and assist with bankruptcy litigation.

Please note that all summer internship positions are unpaid. Brooklyn A is happy to assist students in obtaining internship funding via law schools, Equal Justice America or other organizations that are willing to fund the student.

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