



## Summer 2017 Internship Opportunities

### ► Community and Economic Development Program

The Community and Economic Development (CED) Program of the 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 critical transactional legal support to nonprofit community based organizations (CBOs) serving low-income communities primarily based in Brooklyn, but also throughout New York City.

Applications will be accepted and processed on a rolling basis. Summer 2017 internships will likely begin in late May. Interns will be expected to work 40 hours per week for a minimum of ten weeks. Positions are not paid.

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 "Summer 2017 CED Program Legal Internship Application" in the subject line of the e-mail. Due to the volume of applications we receive, we are not able to respond to every application submitted. Applicants who are selected for an interview will be notified by e-mail.

Interns will work on a variety of projects for clients of different sizes and substantive focus and the legal work will involve a broad array of legal practice areas.

Through our CED Program, Brooklyn A partners with and provides transactional legal services to dozens of effective CBOs each year that have a demonstrated commitment to our common goal of social and economic justice. For CBOs to be effective and fulfill their missions they need support and assistance with their organizational formation, development, and ongoing operation. Providing consistent legal counsel is a critical element to the neighborhood-based and controlled community economic development process. Brooklyn A's nonprofit clients have over the years developed thousands of units of affordable housing, provided hundreds of thousands of low-income individuals with essential primary and specialty health and dental care, provided child care and youth development services to children from infancy through college, and generally advocate for the rights of the communities they serve. CED Program attorneys work both as in-house and special project counsel, offering CBO clients ongoing, long-term representation.

The CED Program's legal work involves, but is not limited to:

- Corporate formation and governance
- Real estate, including pre-development coordination and title and loan closings
- The drafting and negotiation of contracts
- Financing (public and private)
- Representation and negotiations with governmental authorities
- Employee relations

The Brooklyn A CED attorneys offer nonprofit clients both short-term and ongoing, long-term representation which encompasses the full range of services that private sector corporations routinely receive from their corporate counsel; they review, draft and negotiate contracts; they represent clients in real estate and financing transactions, administrative, and licensing and regulatory proceedings.

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