



BROOKLYN LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION A

GROUP REPRESENTATION UNIT

SUMMER 2017 INTERNSHIP

Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A's (Brooklyn A) Group Representation Unit seeks law student interns for summer 2017. Interns will work closely with the Unit's staff attorneys in their representation of tenant and community coalitions in anti-harassment and fair housing litigation in Brooklyn.

Brooklyn A firmly believes that in struggles against severe residential displacement or harassment, low-income tenants are empowered when united. In order to defend the rights of our clients, preserve affordable housing, and protect our communities, our model of legal services involves a holistic, comprehensive, and innovative approach to litigation and advocacy. In the face of the rising tide of gentrification and tenant displacement in Brooklyn, the Group Representation Unit works in close collaboration with an extraordinary coalition of neighborhood organizations throughout North, Central and East Brooklyn and their tenant and community organizers in order to preserve and expand affordable housing for lower income residents of those areas. Our work involves:

- Affirmative litigation on behalf of tenant associations confronting predatory landlords seeking to vacate their buildings;
- Affirmative civil rights litigation on behalf of community groups involved in legal struggles against exclusionary re-zonings, housing discrimination, and neighborhood segregation;
- Eviction defense on behalf of individuals and families;
- Counseling low income tenant co-ops seeking to reinforce and sustain themselves.

Our interns will:

- Work closely with attorneys and assist in all aspects of Brooklyn A's litigation on behalf of low-income tenants in housing and fair housing proceedings;
- Assist supervising attorneys with litigation in Kings County Housing Court, New York Supreme Court, and Federal Court; Prepare witnesses for trials and hearings, argue motions, and advocate for clients in and out of court
- Research legal issues, draft motions, memos and press releases;
- Aid with local or citywide legislative and policy reforms as part of larger coalition efforts.

Successful applicants will have excellent research, writing, analytical and communication skills; a demonstrated commitment to serving low-income clients; strong motivation and the initiative to see projects through to completion.

Applications will be processed on a rolling basis. Summer internships will begin in late May. Interns will be expected to work 40 hours per week for at least ten weeks, and will be expected to attend tenant association or other coalition and community meetings. Please note that Brooklyn A does not provide

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independent funding for summer interns. 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.

Applications will be accepted by e-mail only, directed to internships@bka.org, and should include a cover letter, resume, unofficial law school transcript, and brief writing sample. Please write “Summer 2017 Group Representation” in the subject line of the email. 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 email.

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