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## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **EXPERIENCED STAFF ATTORNEY POSITION BANKRUPTCY AND FORECLOSURE UNIT CONSUMER AND ECONOMIC ADVOCACY PROGRAM**

Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) seeks an attorney with at least 3-5 years of practice experience to work in its Consumer and Economic Advocacy Program, Foreclosure and Bankruptcy Unit. 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. Since 1968, Brooklyn A has provided free legal services for low-income residents and organizations of Brooklyn, pursuing a uniquely neighborhood-based mission of justice, empowerment and community development.

The Consumer & Economic Advocacy (CEA) Program's work involves, but is not limited to:

- Home foreclosure support
- 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
- Assistance to homeowners in analyzing mortgages and other legal documents to determine appropriate legal defenses and counterclaims
- Protection from predatory loan practices and representing homeowners in foreclosures that are a result of predatory lending
- Commencing affirmative litigation challenging predatory lending practices, mortgage fraud, and housing discrimination
- Bankruptcy/debt relief
- Increasing awareness about unfair sales practices
- Loan modifications
- Reviewing and prepping Bankruptcy cases for stay and discharge violations
- Representation of low-income taxpayers before the I.R.S. and New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

### **Applicants must have the following qualifications**

- Admission to the bar of the State of New York or eligible for admission.
- Have at least 3-5 years' worth of experience working in NY civil practice, or other relevant public interest litigation experience
- Have at least 3-5 years' worth of experience working in NY Federal practice (Including Bankruptcy)
- Cultural competence demonstrated through present or past residence in, or employment at organizations serving, our clients' communities.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively communicate with individuals from diverse backgrounds and local organizations.
- Have excellent legal writing, litigation and advocacy skills.
- Have excellent interpersonal skills.
- Effective communication skills, including the ability to work with people in desperate crisis.
- Ability to work independently with strong motivation, to manage a high case load, track case data, meet deadlines, and to be flexible.
- Computer proficiency sufficient to independently review and generate materials relevant to the position as well as track client information in our database, prepare reports for grantors, attend meetings, and perform tasks related to the work such as timekeeping and case notes.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively communicate with individuals from diverse backgrounds and local organizations.
- Basic knowledge of Federal Income Taxation

Brooklyn A is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, religion/creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, military status, predisposing genetic characteristics, victim of domestic violence status or marital status. Salary will be commensurate with experience; excellent health and other benefits will be provided.

To apply, forward a cover letter with your resume to:

Human Resources Department  
Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A  
E-mail: [BKAjobs@bka.org](mailto:BKAjobs@bka.org)

Put 'Consumer and Economic Advocacy Staff Attorney' in the subject line