



## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **EXPERIENCED STAFF ATTORNEY POSITION CONSUMER AND ECONOMIC ADVOCACY PROGRAM (Foreclosure, Bankruptcy and Low-Income Taxpayer Advocacy)**

Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) seeks an attorney with at least 1-3 years' of practice experience to work in its Consumer and Economic Advocacy Program, Foreclosure and Bankruptcy Unit and Low Income Taxpayer Clinic. 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 and throughout NYC, 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 a fair procedure, and the law is appropriately followed and applied.
- Assistance to homeowners in settlement conferences to help renegotiate loan terms.
- 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.
- Assistance with review and preparing loan modifications.
- Bankruptcy/debt relief including reviewing and preparing Bankruptcy cases for stay and discharge violations.
- Increasing awareness about unfair sales practices.
- Conducting workshops and other outreach to educate community members.
- Representation of low-income taxpayers before the IRS and New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.
- Preparing applications to the IRS and New York State Department of Taxation and Finance including but not limited to: Offers in Compromise, Installment Agreement Plans, Innocent Spouse Relief, and ITINs.

*building communities, ensuring opportunity, achieving justice*

**Applicants must have the following qualifications:**

- Admission to the bar of the State of New York or eligible for admission.
- Have at least 1-3 years' worth of experience working in NY civil and Federal practice (including Bankruptcy), or other relevant public interest litigation experience is strongly preferred.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively communicate with individuals from diverse backgrounds and local organizations.
- Demonstrated commitment to serving low-income communities.
- Have excellent legal research and writing skills.
- Have excellent interpersonal skills.
- Effective communication skills, including the ability to work with people in 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 databases (BestCase and KEMPs), prepare reports for grantors, attend meetings, and perform tasks related to the work such as timekeeping and case notes.
- Basic knowledge of Federal Income Taxation.
- Experience litigating standing and claims under various consumer and homeowner protection statutes is preferred.
- Fluency in Spanish or another language is preferred.

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, send a cover letter with your resume to:**

Human Resources Department

Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A

**E-mail:** BKAjobs@bka.org

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

*Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled.*