



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

STAFF ATTORNEY, CONSUMER AND ECONOMIC ADVOCACY PROGRAM Brooklyn, NY: Full-time, exempt

Organization Overview:

Since 1968, Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) has worked to advance social and economic justice and community empowerment through innovative, collaborative, neighborhood-based legal representation, and advocacy. We represent low- and moderate-income individuals and families throughout New York City. Our clients live in rapidly gentrifying neighborhoods where many residents and small business owners have been displaced or are facing displacement and harassment.

The Opportunity:

Brooklyn A seeks an attorney with at least 1-3 years' of 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.

The attorney will work to stop home foreclosures by monitoring the foreclosure process, assist homeowners in settlement conferences to renegotiate loan terms, analyze mortgages to establish defenses and counterclaims, provide protection against predatory lending practices in foreclosures proceedings, prepare pleadings for stay and discharge violations, conduct workshop and outreach events to educate communities on unfair sales practices and represent low-income taxpayers in the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and against the IRS.

To be successful in this role, you must have admission to the bar of the State of New York or be eligible for admission. You should have a passion for social justice and helping and representing clients in low-income tenant groups, community organizations, and coalitions. As a valued team member, you will have a client-based focus and a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The most important competencies for the role are:

- Experience working with clients in the nonprofit sector, low-income communities, community organizations and/or coalitions;
- Demonstrated ability to interact effectively with client/tenants of different races, ethnicities, ages, and sexual orientations in a multicultural environment;
- 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.
- Ability to work independently with strong motivation, to manage a high caseload, to meet deadlines, and to be flexible;

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- Have excellent legal writing, litigation and advocacy skills;
- Computer proficiency sufficient to independently review and generate materials relevant to the position;
- Maintain up-to-date client information in Brooklyn A's case management system to ensure accurate data collection and statistical tracking;
- Collaborate as needed with program managers and development team to write narrative reports for grant and contracts;
- Attend meetings and perform administrative tasks related to the work, such as timekeeping and case notes; and
- Language proficiency relevant to our clients, especially Spanish.

How to apply:

If you are interested in this position, you must submit your resume and a cover letter telling us why your experiences would make you a good fit for this role to bkajobs@bka.org; please put *CEA Attorney* in the subject header.

Note: Due to the volume of applications we receive, we aren't able to give status updates. If you are invited for an interview, you will be contacted directly.

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, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, military status, predisposing genetic characteristics, a survivor of domestic violence status, or marital status.