



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

STAFF ATTORNEY, PRESERVING AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM Brooklyn, NY: Full-time, exempt

Company Overview:

Since 1968, Brooklyn A has provided free legal services for low income residents of Brooklyn, pursuing neighborhood-based mission of justice, empowerment and community development. We work in collaboration with an extraordinary coalition of neighborhood organizations throughout Brooklyn and their tenant and community organizers in order to preserve and expand affordable housing for lower income residents. The work also involves representing low-income tenant associations confronting landlords harassing low-income residents and seeking to vacate buildings; individuals and families facing eviction; low-income tenant co-ops seeking to reinforce and sustain themselves; community institutions facing closures or adverse actions due to extraordinary market pressures and neighborhood displacement; low-income tenants in fair housing litigation; as well as community groups involved in struggles against pervasive housing discrimination, neighborhood segregation, and other issues critically affecting the future of their communities.

The Opportunity:

Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) seeks a staff attorney to join its Preserving Affordable Housing Program who will represent low-income tenants in Brooklyn facing eviction in court and before administrative agencies and bringing affirmative litigation. They will handle a full caseload of representation non-payment, holdover, HP, 7A, and harassment proceedings in Housing Court, which involves frequent motion practice, discovery and depositions, communication with clients, negotiations with opposing counsel and advocacy with outside agencies on behalf of clients.

The attorney will also work to stop such pernicious practices in these communities by bringing innovative, affirmative litigation to protect tenants' rights and their homes; defending tenants in eviction proceedings; representing tenants in administrative proceedings; and providing advice and legal services to help improve conditions in their homes and buildings. They will collaborate with organizers from local community-based organizations and coalitions in order to conduct Know-Your-Rights housing workshops, clinics, and other educational efforts to ensure that tenants are aware of their protections under housing laws.

To be successful in this role, you must have Admission to the bar of the State of New York with a minimum of two years' experience representing clients and a passion for helping and representing clients in low-income tenant groups, community organizations and/or coalitions. As a valued team member, you will have a client based focus and a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

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The most important competencies for the role are:

- Experience working with clients in the public sector, low-income tenant groups, 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;
- An understanding of the City's housing market and/or experience in housing law practice;
- Ability to work independently with strong motivation, to manage a high case load, to meet deadlines, and to be flexible;
- Have excellent legal writing, litigation and advocacy skills;
- 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 administrative tasks related to the work, such as timekeeping and case notes;
- Demonstrated ability to publish articles effectively advocating on behalf of clients and Brooklyn A
- Language proficiency relevant to our clients, especially Spanish; and
- Willingness, desire, and ability to attend evening meetings.

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 <https://bka.bamboohr.com/jobs/>. Applications without a cover letter will not be considered.

Note: Unfortunately, because of the volume of applications we receive, we aren't able to give status updates, but 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, victim of domestic violence status or marital status.