

THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY

Job Title

Criminal Defense Practice Staff Attorney-CAB DVSJ

Job Description

The Criminal Appeals Bureau of The Legal Aid Society's Criminal Defense Practice is seeking a staff attorney who will focus on the litigation of motions for resentencing under the newly enacted Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act ("DVSJA") (CPL § 440.47), which enables survivors of domestic violence who meet certain criteria to apply for a reduction in their sentence.

Working with CAB mitigation specialists, the attorney will maintain a full caseload of DVSJA clients, preparing resentencing motions and litigating hearings. The attorney may also work with law firms providing pro bono assistance to The Legal Aid Society in the preparation of such motions. In addition, the attorney will participate in the DVSJA intake process, screening clients for eligibility, gathering necessary materials, and communicating with clients and their families. The attorney will also consult on initial DVSJA sentencing hearings at the trial level and monitor developments in the law.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES

- * Represent clients on DVSJA motions for resentencing
- * Participate in the DVSJA intake and record-gathering process
- * Communicate with clients, their families, courts, adversaries, and prison officials
- * Consult on initial DVSJA sentencing hearings at the trial level
- * Monitor developments in the DVSJA law
- * Coordinate with other appellate providers, law firms, and advocacy organizations
- * Other duties as assigned

Requirements

- * Admission to the New York State Bar
- * Experience in preparing C.P.L. 440 motions and/or working with survivors of domestic violence
- * Excellent writing and analytical skills
- * Excellent oral advocacy skills
- * Knowledge of the law of evidence, criminal and constitutional law, statutory interpretation, and ethical principles contained in the Rules of Professional Conduct
- * Excellent organizational skills
- * Ability to work collegially with all members of the staff
- * Demonstrated interest in serving low-income communities
- * Commitment to indigent defense
- * **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:** Please submit a cover letter, resume and writing sample as a single PDF when you apply via the LAS Recruitment Portal

Only PDF documents will be accepted. If your document is not a PDF, your application will not be processed. Applications submitted without all the required materials will not be processed.

OUR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The leadership of The Legal Aid Society is committed to a work culture of zealous advocacy, respect, diversity and inclusion, client-oriented defense, access to justice and excellent representation. We are dedicated to building a strong professional relationship with each of our clients, to understanding their diverse circumstances, and to meeting their needs. Our ability to achieve these goals depends on the efforts of all of us.

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HOW TO APPLY

You must apply online at the [LAS RECRUITMENT PORTAL](#). The legal aid society is reducing its carbon footprint and therefore paper applications are not accepted. Only pdf documents will be accepted. If your document is not a pdf, your application will not be processed. Applications submitted without all the required materials will not be processed. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis so applicants are encouraged to apply early.

The legal aid society is an equal opportunity employer – women, people of color, members of the LGBTQ+ communities, veterans, and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

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