

Job Title

Criminal Defense Practice Staff Attorney - Parole Revocation Defense Unit

Job Description

The Legal Aid Society's Parole Revocation Defense Unit has an immediate opening for a Staff Attorney. A PRDU Staff Attorney represents clients accused of violating their conditions of release at administrative parole revocation hearings held at the Rikers Island Judicial Center, federal detention facilities, and hospital prison wards throughout New York City. The Staff Attorney also appears on behalf of clients at related habeas corpus proceedings, administrative appeals, and other post-conviction proceedings. The practice is fast-paced and litigation-intensive.

PRDU maintains offices at 199 Water Street, but attorneys spend significant amounts of time at Rikers and other facilities in the NYC area.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES

- Responsible for handling parole revocation at all stages, including preliminary hearings, calendar appearances, discovery practice, negotiations, contested hearings, administrative appeals, and post-conviction hearings
- Work with unit support staff, paralegals, and investigative staff to provide zealous and effective defense representation
- Partner with PRDU social work team to identify and develop mitigation for clients who have mental health and/or substance abuse issues, medical needs, or who are otherwise suitable for alternatives to incarceration
- Other duties as assigned.

Required Documents

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- COVER LETTER
- RESUME
- WRITING SAMPLE

Deadline: Open Until Filled

Location

Manhattan - Criminal Defense Practice Office

Requirements

TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS/ REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- New York State Bar Admission. Those applicants who have pending applications for the NYS bar or are a law school graduate in May 2021 and have sat for the July 2021 NYS bar examination will be considered.
- 2 years of relevant experience or more preferred
- Strong courtroom skills
- A background in criminal and/or administrative law or prison-related litigation is particularly relevant
- Fluency in Spanish is strongly preferred

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